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**Footsteps to the Cross #2: Jesus Serves**  
**February 28 & March 1, 2026**  
John 13:1-17

**Opener:**

What's one "gross-but-necessary" chore you'll do?

**Go Deeper:** *(Exploring the Bible)*

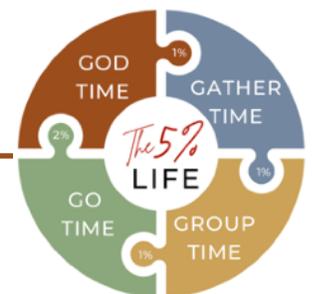
1. In John 13:1, what does it mean that Jesus "loved them to the end"? How does that frame everything that follows?
  2. Why does John emphasize Jesus' security in John 13:3 (coming from God, returning to God)? How does identity shape humility?
  3. What does Jesus mean in John 13:8 when He says, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me"? What "washing" is He pointing toward?
  4. How does Philippians 2:5-8 deepen your understanding of John 13?
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**Live It:** *(Applying to Daily Life)*

1. Where are you most tempted to serve only when it's noticed, convenient, or appreciated? What does Luke 9:23 confront in you?
2. When service starts to "cut down your ego," what do you usually do—withdraw, resent, or persevere? Why?
3. What's one relationship where "taking the low place" would look like a concrete act of love this week?
4. How does knowing you are already clean in Christ (forgiven, claimed, secure) free you to serve without fear?



**GOD TIME:**



**Daily Bible Readings (March 1-7)**

Sun:	John 13:1-17	The Towel & the King
Mon:	Philippians 2:1-11	The Mind of Christ
Tues:	Luke 9:18-27	Cross Daily
Wed:	Mark 10:35-45	Greatness Reversed
Thurs:	Ephesians 2:1-10	Saved for Good Works
Fri:	1 Peter 4:7-11	Serve by His Strength
Sat:	1 John 1:5-9	Cleansed & Honest