

February 21, 2016

*The Pursuit: His Unrelenting Plan to Save Us  
A series on Jesus' last week  
The Gospel of John: Chapters 13-21*

## “He Served: Starting at the Bottom”

*John 13*

*“I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.” John 13:15*



### A. He served...

1. At just the right time.

*“...Jesus knew His hour had come...it was time...” Vs 1,2*

2. By giving up his position.

*“Jesus knew that the Father had given Him authority over everything...” Vs 3*

3. By removing any obstacles.

*“So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, and poured water into a basin.” Vs 4, 5*

4. By reaching those where He was.

*“Then He began to wash the disciples' feet...” Vs 5*

### B. He served to demonstrate His love...

*“So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.” Vs 34*

1. Love is more than an emotion.

*“Even if we feel guilty, God is greater than our feelings, and he knows everything.” 1 John 3:20*

2. Love is more than a concern.

*“Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make...”  
Philippians 2:1-2a*

3. Love is more than a thought.

*“Dear children, let us not love with words or speech...”  
1 John 3:18a*

4. Love must have evidence...it is an action!

*“but with actions and in truth.” 1 John 3:18b*

### C. He served by example...

*“I have sent you an example that you should do as I have done for you.” Vs 15*

1. He took the place of a servant.

*“So he got up from the table...” Vs 4*

2. He didn't wait to be served, but chose to serve.

*“After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down...”  
Vs 12*

3. He removed all excuses from serving at any task.

*“And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet...slaves are not greater than their master.” Vs 14, 16a*

4. He served that the disciples might receive a blessing.

*“Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them.” Vs 17*

### D. He served because love serves...

*“Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.” Vs 35*

1. Love serves those who may deny you.

*“Jesus answered, “Die for me? I tell you the truth, Peter—before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me.” Vs 38*

2. Love serves those who will betray you.

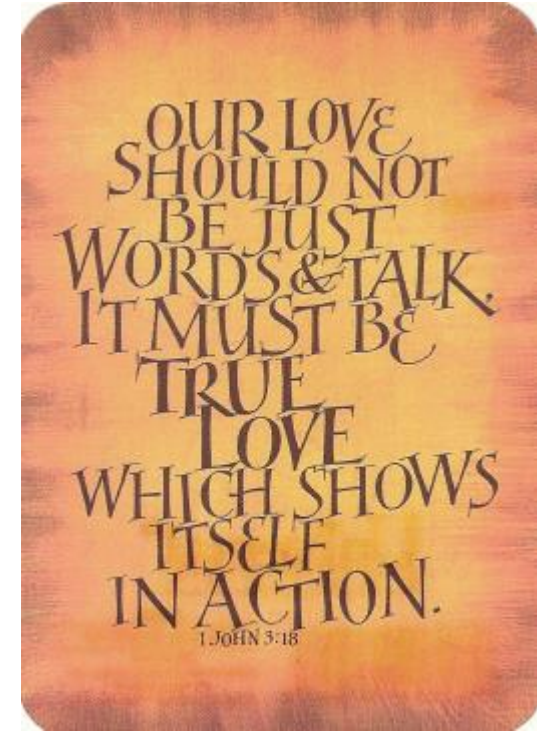
*“Now Jesus was deeply troubled, and he exclaimed, ‘I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me!’” Vs 21*

3. Love serves those who will abandon you.

*“On the way, Jesus told them, ‘All of you will desert me. For the Scriptures say, ‘God will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’” Mark 14:27*

4. Love serves!

*“Rather, serve one another humbly in love.” Galatians 5:13  
“For everything we know about God's Word is summed up in a single sentence: Love others as you love yourself.” The Message*



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### “He Readied: Facing the Future”

*John 14-16*

*“...I am going there to prepare a place for you... And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.” John 14:2b-3*