

GOD ELEVATES THE LOWLY.

Jesus teaches the disciples about humility and leadership:

- Seeking your own kingdom opens the door to **Satanic** deception – 13:2
During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him,

- Jesus washes the feet of his **enemy** (Judas) – 13:3-5
Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴ rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

- Jesus engages Simon Peter's **false** humility – 13:6-9
He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." ⁸ Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

The point of the foot washing was twofold: illustrate spiritual cleansing and demonstrate humility.

"Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less." – Rick Warren

- Jesus: If I am your Instructor and Boss then **follow** my example and serve one another in humility – 13:12-17

When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

Leadership tips:

- Leaders seek God's **timing**.
- Leaders' confidence and value is grounded in God, not themselves.
- Leaders aim to **empower** others rather than accumulate power.
- Leaders rise above **pettiness**.
- If Jesus died for us then we leaders should be willing to take shots for those we lead.