

Practically
Divine

The Pathway

Do Life Together

Worship Together Regularly

Enjoy God's Presence

Live Differently

Give Generously

Share Your Story

Serve Others

Spiritual Benefits of Serving Others

Discover and Develop Your
Spiritual Gifts

1 Peter 4: 10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

Spiritual Benefits of Serving Others

Joy and Peace that Comes from
Obedience

Proverbs 11: 25 Whoever brings blessing will be enriched,
and one who waters **will himself be watered.**

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Increases Your Faith

Ephesians 3: 20 Now to him who is able to do
immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine,
according to **his power that is at work within us...**

Spiritual Benefits of Serving Others

Experience Worship Outside of
Sunday Service

Philippians 3: 3 For we are the circumcision, **who**
worship ("service" NIV) God in the Spirit, rejoice in
Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh,
4 though I also might have confidence in the flesh.

John 13: It was just before the **Passover Festival**. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, **he loved them to the end.**

2 The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted **Judas**, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.

John 13: 3 Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; 4 so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. 5 After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

John 13: 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?”

7 Jesus replied, “**You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.**”

8 “No,” said Peter, “you shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “**Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.**”

9 “Then, Lord,” Simon Peter replied, “not just my feet but my hands and **my head as well!**”

John 13: 10 Jesus answered, “Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.” 11 For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

John 13: 12 When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. 13 “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. 14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, **you also should wash one another’s feet.** 15 I have **set you an example** that you should do as I have done for you.

John 13: 16 Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 Now that you know these things, **you will be blessed if you do them.**

Text Observation

It was just before the Passover
Festival (13:1)

Exodus 40: 30 He placed the basin between the tent of meeting and the altar and put water in it for washing, 31 and Moses and Aaron and his sons used it to **wash their hands and feet.** 32 **They washed whenever they entered the tent of meeting or approached the altar, as the Lord commanded Moses.**

34 Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the **glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.**

1 Peter 2: 4 As you come to him, the living Stone—
rejected by humans but chosen by God and
precious to him— **5** you also, like living stones, are
being built into a spiritual house to be **a holy**
priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable
to God through Jesus Christ.

Text Observation

The devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. (13:2)

Hebrews 4: 14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is **unable to empathize with our weaknesses**

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Hebrews 4: 16 Let us then **approach God's throne of grace with confidence**, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Text Observation

I have set you an example that
you should do as I have done for
you. (13:15)

Ephesians 2: 10 For we are God's handiwork,
created in Christ Jesus **to do good works**, which
God prepared in advance for us to do.

Priests wash feet + Judas
mentioned + Follow Jesus'
example =

We are a Kingdom of Priests
called to the work of intercession
through prayer and service.

The deep work of service

Is to get our hands dirty as we
seek to redeem a lost humanity.

Ruth 4: 8 So the guardian-redeemer said to Boaz,
“Buy it yourself.” And he removed his sandal.

9 Then Boaz announced to the elders and all the people, “Today you are witnesses that I have bought from Naomi all the property of Elimelek, Kilion and Mahlon.

Ruth 4: 10 I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite, Mahlon's widow, as my wife, in order to **maintain the name of the dead** with his property, so that his name will not disappear from among his family or from his hometown. **Today you are witnesses!"**

Hosea 3: The Lord said to me, “Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another man and is an adulteress. **Love her as the Lord loves the Israelites...**

James 1: 27 Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to **look after orphans and widows in their distress** and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

As God redeemed us

We are to redeem others
(never keep God's resources to
yourself)

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