

Read John 13:1-18

As most of you know I returned yesterday from a mission trip with some of our Youth Group. I had the privilege of spending a week with 5 of our middle school students. It was an amazing time. We spent time doing some work projects similar to our CityServe, helping in homes. We spent time at a rehab cent with residents, bingo, birthday party, game time. We spent time in worship, singing, bible study. We had some fun time as well. Only 3 stitches...everyone is ok

Picture of Mountain

But, the highlight of the trip was Thursday night...foot washing ceremony with our students, and I had the opportunity to wash some of their feet...and speak to each from the heart...week was over...something I wanted them to know....

That is what is happening with Jesus and his disciples in John 13 this morning. Look at verse 1:

His time with them is over. He knows it...they haven't quite figured it out. So he take the opportunity to show them his love

As we continue our Learning to Love Like Jesus series I want to talk with you about "Learning to Love Those That Hurt You!"

As SOON as I said that you had a face jump into your mind. It could be anyone: (Spouse, Boss, Parent, Child, Coworker)

How Do You Love People That Hurt You?

1. Choose to Love People Unselfishly:

Vs 1-3

- **Jesus Knew** what was happening

Knew: Lit = *to understand completely; to be aware of; to see all the way to the end*

Arrest Trials Beating Cross Death Tomb Resurrection

BETRAYAL!

Jesus did not stumble his way to the cross! He **KNEW** exactly what was happening, where going...and **WHY**

Luke 9:51-53: KJV: Literally "Set his face toward Jerusalem"

- **Jesus chose** to lay down His rights

Vs 3: "*Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power...*"

It was within his power and ability to stop the entire process at ANY point!!!

Mt 26:53 'Don't you know I can ask and the Father will give me 10,000 angels!' (peter defend with sword)

- **Jesus Chose** His response of love: **LOVE!** He Chose love! If there was **EVER** a time when it could be about Him....

Yet on the very last day before everything happened, Before literally all **HELL** broke lose and had its way with Him

Jesus chose to **LOVE HIS** disciples!

That is a choice **MOST** of us could not make. (at this point it becomes about us...**WE** are dying...**We** are leaving..)

APPL: When you are hurt (when, not if) you have a choice to make as well.

Will you retaliate?

Strike back

Will you turn within

Make it about you...natural human inclination?

Will you choose to love?

Make it about **OTHERS!**

2. Choose To Love People Unambiguously.

Vs 3;

- **Jesus showed them:** Modeled it (2-5) This is what love looks like! **Jesus CHOSE** to serve!

Showed: Lit = "*he showed them the full extent of His love*"

(*End VS Extent*)

~When we are in that kind of situation we forget others

~When Jesus was in this awful situation he forgot **HIMSELF!**

Jesus chose to serve...He didn't just **TELL** them...He **MODELED** it for them to see!

- **Jesus told them:** Vs 12-14

"Do you understand what I have done for you?"

I am showing you how to love! **Be CLEAR**

I am teacher and Lord...and I am not too good to take this menial task on for you

- **Jesus trained them**

Vs 15: I have set you and example: A pattern, something to copy! (Like a dress pattern) **Make this look like that!**

- **Jesus made his love CLEAR!**

Showed them, Modeled it, Told them, Trained them to act like Him!

ILLUS: Mug for fathers day, "I love how we don't have to say I'm your favorite child!"

Many times we think...people know...they don't need to hear us say it

The power of a blessing is incredible: Words build up, Encourage, Empower

People in your life need to hear, and see, and **KNOW** that you Love them....Don't just assume **Esp** those hurt you!

ILLUS: At our foot washing...Having spent a week with each student, I was able to speak words of encouragement

APPL: When you have people in your life that have hurt you, if you are a follower of Jesus, you choose to forgive,

Not only do you choose to forgive, you choose to love.

Find a way to Show them:

Find a way to Say it

Find a Way to Model it and live it out

Make it Clear

Sometimes we forgive...and we think it goes without saying...it needs to be said

Sometimes we love...and we think it goes without saying...it needs to be said

3. Jesus Loved People Unconditionally.

Vs 5; 18-30

Jesus didn't just love the loveable. He didn't just love those that followed him. Didn't just love those that responded
Jesus loved them ALL!

There are only three comments Jesus makes to individuals that we know of at this time.

Peter, John (who?) Judas (go do it)

- Jesus loved those that were easy to love
 - ~Jesus loved Peter: Not Me!!! I have to wash your feet
 - ~Jesus loved the other disciples No comment, but he washed
- Jesus loved the one who betrayed him
 - ~Jesus loved Judas After washing, interaction
 - >Jesus washed Judas' feet (No greater illustration of Love than this)
 - >Jesus gave permission Vs 27
- Jesus told us to be Just Like Him! Vs 34-35
 - >A new command
 - >Prove you are my disciples
 - >Loving Each other! (Not just loving God...that is easy! It is loving people that is so difficult!)

CONCL: Let me challenge you to do that today

Do you have some people in your life that you need to forgive?

Not the easy ones...anyone can do that

It is the HARD ones...that God wants you to forgive. You have to be full on, 100% sold out follower of Jesus to do that

Forgive unselfishly:

If you have someone who has hurt you, a face that pops into your head. FORGIVE

People say: Do it for yourself: NO...Do it for THEM...That's what Jesus did (Unselfishly)

Forgive Unambiguously

Show them how you have forgiven:

Tell them, model it for them, Communicate it to them in every way possible

Be unambiguous; Be clear; Remove any doubt or reservation; Forgive

Forgive Unconditionally

Not just those that are easy, Not even those that ask

Just simply forgive, without reservation or regret

THAT will make you like Jesus

The place to start...is right down front

Come and pray...and forgive