

# THE DAILY FLIP DEVOTIONAL

*Learning to live life upside down,  
one day at a time*

## Scripture

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### John 13:1-20, 31-35

#### Jesus Washes His Disciples Feet

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.

<sup>2</sup>The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. <sup>3</sup>Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; <sup>4</sup>so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist.

<sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

<sup>8</sup>"No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

<sup>9</sup>"Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

<sup>10</sup>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." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

<sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>"You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.

<sup>15</sup>I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup>Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

#### Jesus Predicts His Betrayal

<sup>18</sup>"I am not referring to all of you; I know those I have chosen. But this is to fulfill this passage of Scripture: 'He who shared my bread has turned against me.'

<sup>19</sup>"I am telling you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe that I am who I am. <sup>20</sup>Very truly I tell you, whoever accepts anyone I send accepts me; and whoever accepts me accepts the one who sent me."

#### Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

<sup>31</sup>When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

<sup>33</sup>"My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

<sup>34</sup>"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

## Study Questions

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**Monday:** It is very hard to accept our own mortality. Most of modern humanity lives in the denial of death, paralyzed in fear by its reality. What is the significance of understanding that we are mortal? We are dusty creatures who will return to dust (Genesis 3:19; Ecclesiastes 3:20).

**Tuesday:** How do you want your obituary to read? Write out your own obituary and think about the best you you would like to be known as. Focus on character rather than achievements. For example, "She will be remembered for the way she was a vessel of well-being, peace and joy;" or "When you spent time with him, you knew you were close to the love of God;" etc. Then ask yourself, what would it take for me to pursue that?

**Wednesday:** Jesus puts on a towel and washes His disciples' feet. In doing so He is teaching them about love--a love that will lead to death. Jesus is preparing them for death. What would it mean for you to be prepared for death by Jesus, that is to have your feet washed for burial (John 13)?

**Thursday:** Jesus tells His disciples that they need to wash one another's feet. In a way, this is a work of preparing others for their own death. Have you prepared the people around you for death by encouraging them to love like Jesus (John 13)?

**Friday:** Death is not good. But even in death we are not alone, God abides with us even in the grave (Romans 8:38-39). And the one who abides with us has promised that death will not have the final say. Reflect on Jesus' resurrection and how it is the hope of your baptism.

**Saturday:** Have you prepared for death? Do you have a will? Do you have an advanced directive? Do you know how you want to die and have you told your friends and family? Take some practical steps.

TODAY @ THE FLIPSIDE

## Story Tellers Summer Series

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