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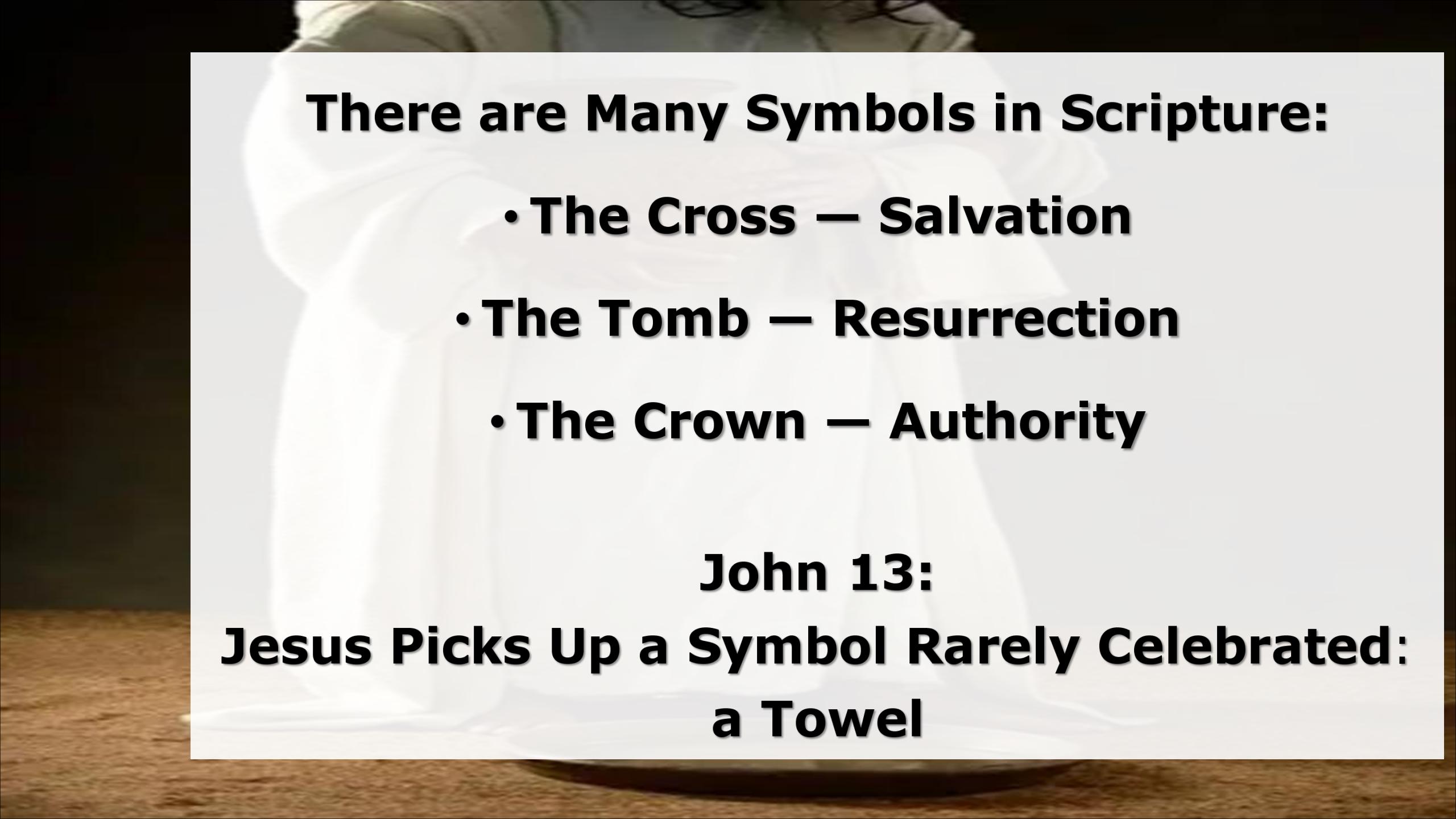
MATTHEW 5:41

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**THE TOWEL THAT
TURNS THE WORLD
UPSIDE DOWN**

***Second Mile*
*Servanthood***
John 13
Pt2



There are Many Symbols in Scripture:

- **The Cross – Salvation**
- **The Tomb – Resurrection**
- **The Crown – Authority**

John 13:
Jesus Picks Up a Symbol Rarely Celebrated:
a Towel

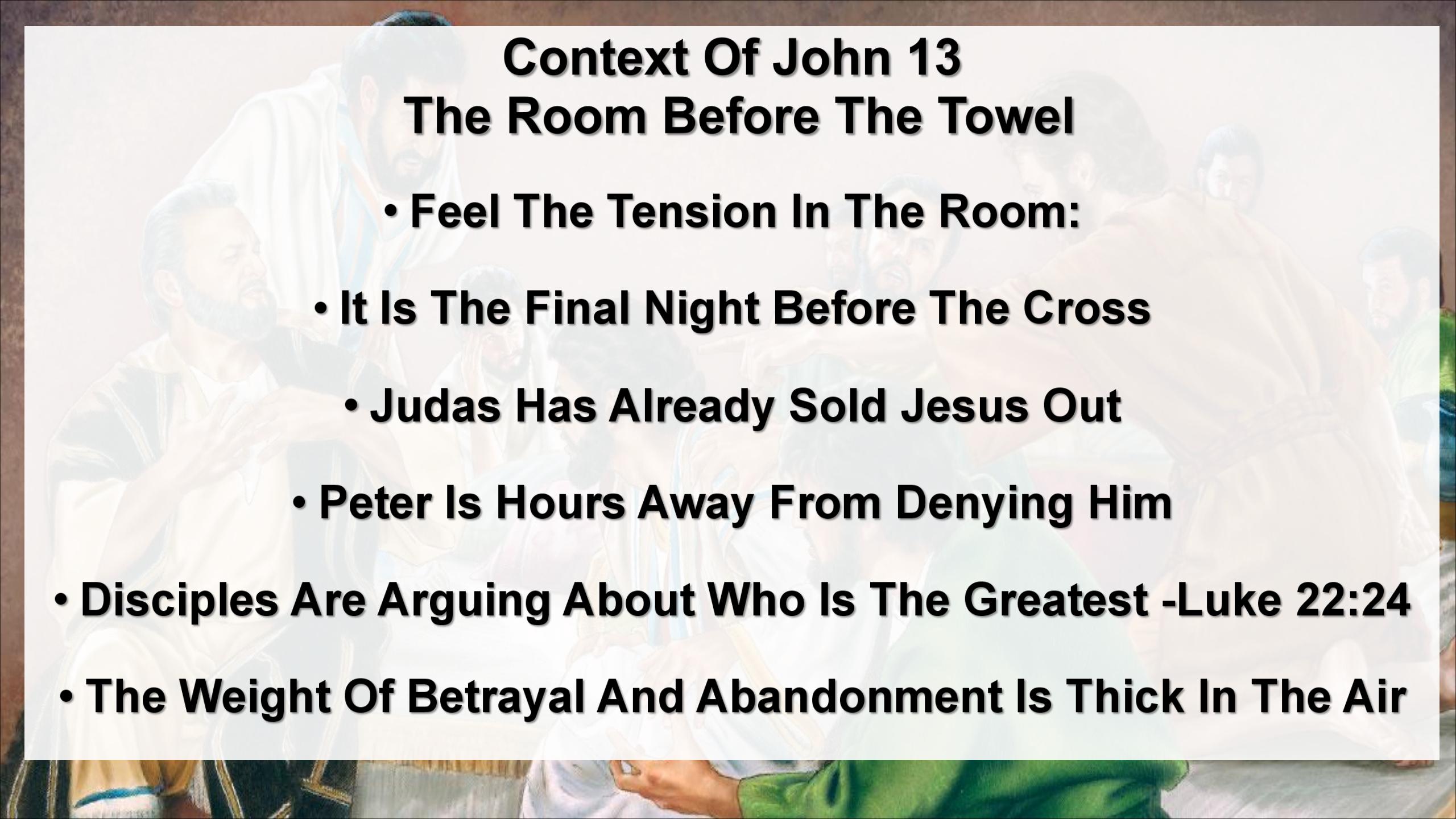
In the Kingdom, the Towel Is the True Sign of Greatness.

- Jesus Didn't Just Teach Servanthood
— He Demonstrated It.**

- In this Passage,
He Calls Us Not Just to Serve...
But to Serve at the Second- Mile Level.**

Say:

“The Second Mile Is Where Servants Are Made.



Context Of John 13 The Room Before The Towel

- **Feel The Tension In The Room:**
- **It Is The Final Night Before The Cross**
- **Judas Has Already Sold Jesus Out**
- **Peter Is Hours Away From Denying Him**
- **Disciples Are Arguing About Who Is The Greatest -Luke 22:24**
- **The Weight Of Betrayal And Abandonment Is Thick In The Air**



CONTEXT OF JOHN 13

Jesus Responds...

not with a Throne,

not with a Sword,

not with a Rebuke...

But with a Towel

SECOND- MILE PRINCIPLE #1:

**Second- Mile Servants Respond to Chaos
With Calm, and to Pride With Humility**

SERVANT INSIGHT

Servanthood Is Not Selective

You Don't Get To Choose...

...Whose Feet Deserve Washing

Jesus Washed the Feet of Those Who:

- Would Betray Him**
- Would Deny Him**
- Would Abandon Him**



JOHN 13:13-14 – “YOU CALL ME TEACHER AND LORD...YOU ARE RIGHT”

- **Jesus doesn't deny His authority.**
- **He doesn't pretend to be less than He is.**
- **Then He flips the kingdom upside down:**

*“If I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet,
you also ought to wash one another's feet.”*

Greek

“Ought” =

- A moral obligation

- A sacred duty

- A kingdom requirement

Then Jesus said to
His disciples, "If
anyone desires to
come after Me, let
him deny himself, and
take up his cross, and
follow Me.

Matthew 16:24



Insight

**Jesus is Not Lowering Himself...
...He is Raising the Standard
for Us**

**SECOND- MILE PRINCIPLE #2:
The First Mile Is Duty
The Second Mile Is Destiny**





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CHALLENGE:

Take the Lowest Place On Purpose

This Week:

- Choose the job nobody wants
 - Let someone else go first
 - Do something anonymously
 - Serve without being seen
 - **Why?**

Humility is the Uniform of the Second- mile Servant



JOHN 13:15 – “I HAVE GIVEN YOU AN EXAMPLE”

- Jesus didn't just give a Command –
He Gave a Pattern

Greek

“Example”

- A Model
- A Blueprint
- A Pattern to Trace

Jesus is saying: “Trace Your Life Over Mine”

**GO -
THE -
EXTRA -
MILE! -**

Insight

The World Climbs Ladders...

...But Jesus Carried a Towel

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CHALLENGE

- **Follow the Pattern, Not the Culture**
 - **This Week:**
 - **Replace complaining with serving**
 - **Replace entitlement with gratitude**
 - **Replace "That's not my job" with "How can I help?"**



CHRIST WENT THE
SECOND MILE

the
2nd
Mile
PODCAST
WITH TRAVIS AGNEW

JOHN 13:16, "Servant is not greater than his master"

- If the Master **served**... the servants **must serve**
 - If the King **knelt**... the kingdom must **kneel**

Matthew 5:41

"If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two"

- **First Mile is Obligation**
- **Second Mile is Revelation**

Mark 10:45

"the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve..."



WHY YOU SHOULD GO THE
EXTRA MILE

When you feel like giving up, keep pushing forward and enjoy a
meaningful life."

SECOND- MILE PRINCIPLE #4:

- The second mile is where Jesus Walks**
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CHALLENGE:

Go the Second Mile

This Week:

- Do more than Required**
- Stay longer than Expected**
 - Give more than Asked**
- Love deeper than Comfortable**



JOHN 13:17, "BLESSED ARE YOU IF YOU DO THEM"

- Jesus Ends with a Promise:**
- Blessing is Not in Knowing...**
...Blessing is in Doing

Greek= Blessed

- Deep Joy**
- Inner Satisfaction**
- Divine Favor**



THE SECOND MILE

Matthew 5

Insight

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Challenge:

- Turn Knowing into Doing
 - Within the next **24 hours:**
 - Turn one Sermon Point into one Action
 - Turn one Conviction into one Commitment
 - Turn one Opportunity into one Blessing

**Go the extra mile.
It's never crowded.**
-Unknown

“LORD, MAKE ME A SECOND- MILE SERVANT”

- If you've been tired... If you've been selective in your serving... ...stuck in the first mile... ..been avoiding the towel... If you've been waiting for others to go first...

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CLOSING DECLARATION

I choose the towel. I choose the second mile. I choose the posture of Jesus. I choose the path of servanthood. I choose the joy of obedience. I choose the blessing of the basin. I choose to follow the Example of my Master.



REQUIRED.

WHAT IS THE DISTANCE
BETWEEN SOMEONE WHO
ACHIEVES
THEIR GOALS
CONSISTENTLY
AND THOSE WHO
SPEND THEIR LIVES
MERELY FOLLOWING?

THE EXTRA MILE.

A pastor attended a men's breakfast in the middle of a rural farming area of the country.

The group had asked an older farmer, decked out in bib overalls, to say grace for the morning breakfast:

"Lord, I hate buttermilk," the farmer began. The visiting pastor opened one eye to glance at the farmer and wonder where this was going.

The farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was growing concerned.

Without missing a beat, the farmer continued, "And Lord, you know I don't much care for raw white flour." The pastor once again opened an eye to glance around the room and saw that he wasn't the only one to feel uncomfortable.

Then the farmer added, "But Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard, when we don't understand what you're saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until you are done mixing. It will probably