

Learning to Serve

What we have covered



Believe



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John 13: 1 - 17



Jesus has washed our feet too.

**Beyond great cost and betrayal,
Christ demonstrates service
through His covenantal love to us
and commands us to do likewise.**

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Big Themes in John's writings



Greater



Lesser

4 Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is **greater than he who is in the world.**

1 John 4: 4

Revelation 1

¹³ and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴ The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵ his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶ In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last,



**I am the Shepherd and I lay
down my life for my sheep.**

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Serving begins with looking at
the **greatness** of God.

Then contrasting it to how low
He went to serve.



**How how are we willing to go
to serve others?**





John 13 teaches us that we must be prepared to go to the very lowest, to deny ourselves and serve.

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**Each time we serve, think of
the sacrifice and love that we
have received.**



**We love because he first
loved us.**

1 John 4: 19

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**We can stand before God
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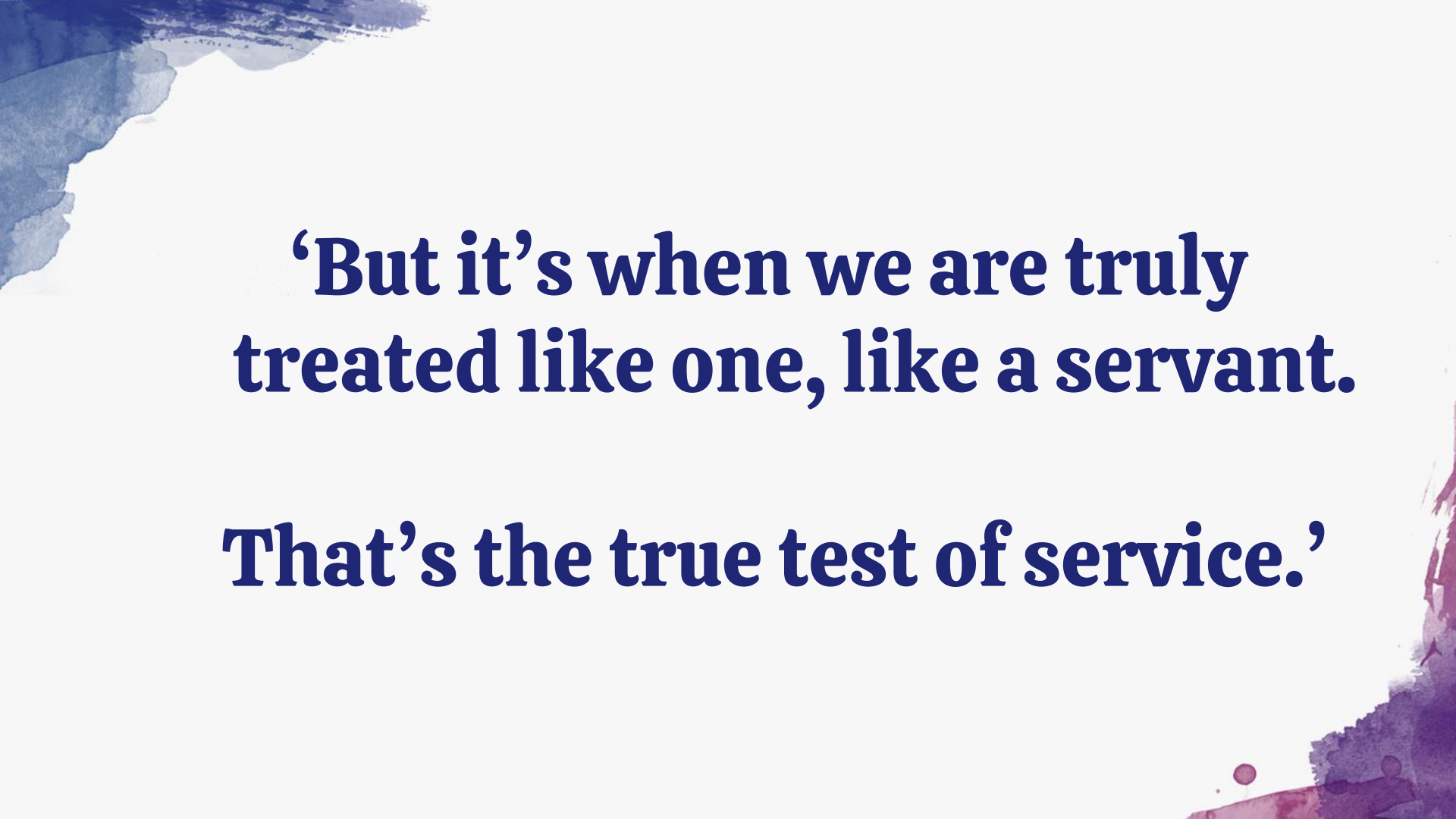
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**‘But it’s when we are truly
treated like one, like a servant.
That’s the true test of service.’**

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²² Having **purified** your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, **love one another earnestly from a pure heart**, ²³ since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;

**Thank you for this love, Lord
Thank you for the nail pierced hands
Washed me in Your cleansing flow
Now all I know
Your forgiveness and embrace**

**Worthy is the Lamb
Seated on the throne
Crown You now with many crowns
You reign victorious**