

Is Being a Servant Really Admirable?

Mysteries in the Gospel of John Season 13

Core Message: Being a servant shows true wholeness, and fullness servanthood flows from knowing that our identity, security, and destiny come from the Father. Because Yeshua knew who He was, what the Father had given Him, and where He was going, He was free to humble Himself and serve others. When we seek fulfillment by controlling, manipulating, or using people, we reveal areas of fear and insecurity that need to be surrendered to God. Yeshua invites us to stop looking to the world and other people for our worth and to receive true life and completeness through relationship with Him. As we allow Yeshua to love, cleanse, and serve us, we become free to love and serve others from a full and secure heart.

Main Bible Verses (NASB):

- **Core Memory Verse: (Matthew 23:11)** But the greatest among you shall be your servant
 - **(John 13:5)** Then He poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.
 - **(John 13:8)** "Peter said to Him, 'Never shall You wash my feet!' Jesus answered him, 'If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.'"
 - **(1 John 5:12)** He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.
 - **(John 1:4)** "In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men."
 - **(John 17:3)** "This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."
 - **(John 14:6)** "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.'"
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Key Points (Fill-in-the-Blank):

Reflection Questions:

1. In what areas of your life are you tempted to find your identity through achievement, relationships, approval, or control?

2. How does Yeshua's knowledge of His identity, authority, and destiny help you understand His willingness to wash the disciples' feet?

3. Is there someone you have been trying to control or change because of your own fear or insecurity? What would it look like to release that person to God and serve them instead?

4. What makes it difficult for you to receive Yeshua's love, cleansing, and care? How does John 13:8 speak to that struggle?

Application Challenge of the Week:

Each morning this week, read John 13:3–5, thank the Father that your identity and destiny are secure in Him, and choose one practical act of service to perform without seeking recognition or praise. (Or come up with your own as the Lord leads):

Prayer Prompts:

- Father, help me receive my identity, security, and completeness from You.
- Yeshua, expose and remove every tendency in me to control, manipulate, or use others.
- Help me receive Your love and serve others from a full and secure heart.

“The Lord bless you, and keep you; the Lord cause His face to shine on you, and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His face to you, and give you peace.” Numbers 6:22-27
(NASB 95’)