

Hi, I'm Marty McKenzie with His Love Ministries. Welcome to the Least of These Podcasts. We reach out to those the world has forgotten. If you'd like to know more about us and how you can donate to help us fulfill our mission, go to HisLoveMinistries.net. Thank you very much and God bless you. ♪ Call me with the heavenly angels ♪ ♪ Call me with the heavenly angels ♪ Yeah. Amen. What a friend we have in Jesus. All of our griefs and sins to bear. What a privilege we have to take everything to God in prayer because He says, Oh what needless sorrow, oh what needless pain we bear, all because we don't take everything to God in prayer. We're going to be back in John chapter 13 this morning, verse 12. Last week, remember we talked about how they went to the Last Supper and they were all sitting around probably a U-shaped table and everybody's feet would have been in everybody's face. And all the disciples were fussing and fighting over who was the greatest. And Jesus, I guess after they had already started the supper, and He realizes nobody's going to get up and wash anybody's feet. And so he gets up, he grabs the wash basin, and he girds himself about with the towel, and then he begins to wash everybody's feet, including Judas's, right? John chapter 13, verse 12. So, what happens is, he begins to wash their feet, and as he's washing their feet, he gets to old Peter. Peter says, Lord, no, not mine, or you, mine, is really what the grief says. You, my feet? Uh-uh. No way, Lord. And Jesus looks at him and says, look, if I don't bathe, if I don't wash your feet, you can't have anything to do with me. In other words, we talked about the fact that he says that some of y'all are clean, but not all

are clean. He said some have been bathed.

And when he says bathed, he was saying that they have been forgiven of their sins. They have been cleansed by the washing of the water of the word. That's what Titus chapter 3 verse 5 says. In Ephesians 5 25, Ephesians 1 13 says that you've been, when you heard the word, the gospel of your truth, You believed it, you trusted it, and then you were sealed by the Holy Spirit of promise that you're forgiven at that moment. And at that moment, God washes all your sins away. He cleanses you. Baptism is just an outward symbol of an inward happening. You know, Jesus said that you do this In remembrance of me, when you take the Lord's Supper, he says, when you trust in me, you get baptized so that others know that there's been a change. You're not who you used to be. So that's what Jesus was saying, that not all were clean, and he was talking about Judas. Judas was right there with all these people, these disciples, for three and a half years and he never believed. You know, some people sit in church all their life and they never really truly trust Jesus Christ. Some of them don't ever really hear the truth because they don't go to churches that really teach that Jesus is the only way. that nothing else gets you there, that you can't work your way in, you can't be baptized in, communion doesn't do it. None of these things get you into heaven. Jesus says that if you believe, you trust in what He did on that cross and that alone, that's what gets you to heaven. You believe that He is who He said He is, and He did what He said He did. He would die for our sins, die in our place. He took our health, He took our

cross, and when we trusted that, that alone, then we're saved. Because the Bible says in Ephesians again, you're saved by grace. That's giving us what we don't deserve. Through faith, it is the gift of God. Not a worse, lest anyone should boast. If we could do something to get into heaven, we'd all be up there saying, look what I did, look what I did. But see, it's all about Jesus getting the glory, about Him getting the glory. And so He says, not all of you are clean, but we talked about that washing the feet had to do with daily walking through the world, getting your feet dirty, getting smeared and just as you walk through the world you get dirty by seeing and hearing and all these things. And daily you have to go back to God for confession of sin. First John 1.9. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to keep on cleansing us from all unrighteousness. So when Jesus died, when He died on the cross, He said it's finished. It was a past action with a continuing result. In other words, what he did started in the past and it forgives all our sins when we trust him. But not only that, it continues to forgive every single sin that we have ever done, ever will do, because we're never going to be perfect until we get to heaven. Jesus knew that, God knew that, and Jesus is God, and so he realizes to have fellowship with each other, to have fellowship with God, we have to keep our accounts clean, right? Because what happens? If I get mad with somebody and I don't apologize, or they get mad with me and they don't apologize, then what happens? Our fellowship is broken, right? That's what Jesus is saying.

Peter, you can't have any part with me. You can't have fellowship with me. You're still my son. You still

belong to me. But unless you daily ask for forgiveness, then you don't have that fellowship. You don't have that daily walk. Just like we were talking about, oh what needless pain we bear, what peace we often forfeit. All these things, we take them to God in prayer and ask Him to forgive us. And wash us and bathe us, wash our feet off, and then we can have fellowship again. When we get to verse 12 today, I just kind of wanted to go back over that because I know that that's kind of tricky for some people. And when we get to verse 12 today, he says, So when he had washed their feet, taken his garments, and sat down again, he said to them, do you know what I have done to you? You call me teacher and Lord, and you say, well, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example that you should do as I have done unto you. Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master. Nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them." Let's stop right there and we'll see how far we get. Alright, so what happens? Jesus washes their feet. He says, and when he got through washing their feet, he takes his garments, he sat down again, and he looks at them and he says, Do you know what I have done to you? And he says, look, you call me teacher and Lord. In other words, you respect me as a teacher. You call me Lord. You say that I'm God from heaven. And if I'm God from heaven, and I'm your teacher, and you respect me, and you fear me and reverence me because I am God, he says, And you say, well, because so I am. He says, I am these things. He

says, if I then, and then he repeats it again, your Lord and teacher. have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. In other words, look, if I, the God of everything, that created everything, that made everything, the teacher, all these things, have done this for you, what ought you to do? Can you imagine having God washing your feet? That's what happens. I mean, God does wash us every day, but not quite, you know, like He does, like He did physically right there. But, you know, He's standing there washing Peter's feet. And, you know, that's a humbling experience. Now, you know, this is not the place where Jesus is saying, We're instituting foot washing as another ordinance. Jesus said there was two things to do until he came back. We're to baptize people and we're also to do the Lord's Supper. Those are the two things we do to remember what he's done for us and to show others who we are. Now he said, do you know what I have done to you? And then he says, you ought to wash one another's feet. He says, listen to what he says in verse 15. For I have given you an example that you should do as I have done unto you. And then he says here, go on. Most assuredly I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. So let me get to the point of this. What happens here? Jesus washes their feet. Jesus says, do you know what I've done? He says, if I'm the Lord and I'm the King of the universe and everything else, then what art you today? In other words, what he's saying is, I have served you. Isn't that what Jesus said? He said, Mark 10.45, I did not

come to be served, but to serve and to give my life as a ransom for many. See, He came to serve us, right? I mean, we talked about that in Philippians 2.5-11, how He was humble and He was obedient even to the point of death that He became a servant. He was serving us when He died on the cross. He was serving God when He died on the cross. Ultimately, He was serving Himself, God, the Father, but He was serving us also because when He died, He died for us, right? He died to satisfy God's wrath, but He died so that we might go to heaven. Jesus says that you should do as I have done to you. And one man said it like this, it says, like ass. not do what I've done, but like us. You know, it's sort of like, what does the word like mean? Similar, right? Have you ever seen the pictures of Jesus being baptized and you see the dove coming down? Well, you know what the Bible says? It says that the Holy Spirit came down like a dove. It didn't say a dove came down. It said like a dove. He was gentle and he just kind of floated down and he was gentle and peaceful and he just came down. It doesn't mean that it was a dove. But we always see pictures of doves, right? Well, guess what? They've done the same thing here. Well, we're going to wash feet now because Jesus did it. Well, yeah, there's nothing wrong with washing people's feet, but if you ever go to a foot washing service, probably everybody's done washed their feet, scrubbed them some clean, they don't need to be washed. But I guess the object is, you know, you're showing humility, you're showing service. And what Jesus is saying is, look, in the same manner, do whatever it takes to serve other

people. Whatever it takes. You know,
and it's tough to serve people, isn't it? Because some of us
are pretty ornery. I know I am sometimes, you know.

And he said, in Matthew 25, he says, talks about that. He says, if you've given a cup
of cold water in my name, you visited those who are sick and
those who are in prison, guess what? If you've done it unto
the least of these, you've done it unto me. So when we serve
others, guess who we're ultimately serving? Jesus. Isn't that what Jesus was doing
when He died on the cross? Yes, He was serving us in a way
because He died in our place and He died for our sins, but
ultimately He was serving God. He was serving the fact that
God's justice had to be satisfied. And every time we serve each
other, every time we love each other, every time we do something
for one another, Jesus said, I'm trying to remember the chapter,
but he says, they will know you by your love one for another,
right? And how do you love people? You
love them by doing for them, regardless of whether they deserve
it or not. You know, all the time we hear people say, well,
they don't deserve it. That's right. None of us deserve
it. None of us deserve anything that
we have. If God was a just God and didn't
send Jesus down to die in our place, and he was just a legalistic
God, he'd say, every one of you, go to hell. And he would be right
and he would be just and he would be holy. But he went beyond that
and he said, look, I could send you to hell, But if you will
trust in me and believe in me and I will send my son and he
will die in your place and I will serve you. And if you will serve
others, I mean there's people around here, I told you about
the lady down the aisle down here, that's having a tough time,

you know, she needs somebody to love her, somebody to take care of her. She's alone, she has no family here. She is, you know, having a really tough time because of her past. And all of us have tough times. I mean, there's times that some of y'all are sick, and some of y'all don't feel good, and some of you can't do. And, you know, if you know that, help each other out. If you're able to, you know. If nothing else, if you got a phone, you know, if you can't walk down there at least, you know, call them on the phone or walk down there and pray with them, cry with them, do something, you know, just say, I'm here, I love you, you know, want to serve you, is there anything I can do for you? And that's the kind of thing that God wants us to do. It's never been about going to church. It's never been about doing religious things. But the heart of the matter is that God says, if you love God and love your neighbor, then you fulfill the whole law, right? Because the first four commandments have to do with loving God, have no other idols, take God's name in vain, and keep the Sabbath holy, don't make any graven image. But then he says the last six, you know, honor your father and mother, don't covet, don't steal, don't lie, don't murder. Those have to do with loving your people around you, right? And Jesus told that lawyer fellow that day, he was trying to get out, and he said, well, who's my neighbor? And Jesus said, your neighbor is anybody that is in need. Anybody. Not just the person, you know, what somebody said the other day. I was listening to somebody the other day that, you know, when people do for you, and you reciprocate, that's what the world does, right? You go to lunch and somebody buys lunch and you say, well at least let

me get the tip. Buy you lunch, at least let me get the tip.

Or if they invite you to lunch and then you got to invite them back to feel like you got even, right? And that's what the world does is reciprocates, right? But Jesus says, I want you to love people and go beyond reciprocation. I want you to love them when they don't deserve it, when they don't think they want it, when they don't act like they even want you around. You love them anyway, right? That's what we're supposed to do. We sing the song, Love Lifted Me, when nothing else would help. Love lifted me, and that's really the theme song of the ministry that I run called His Love Ministries. This is what I do. I'm not perfect, but He says that love lifted me when nothing else would help. Love lifted me. So you serve people. You help people. And so Jesus is saying, look, if I am God, and I am the teacher, and I have done this for you, if I, God, can stoop down and wash your feet. Remember what we said last week about washing feet? John said that I'm not even worthy to untie the strap of his sandal, to loose the thongs of his sandal. It was the most menial task. The slaves did it. The most lowest people did that. And yet here is God of everything, stooped down on his knees, washing people's nasty dirty feet. And he says, I have given you an example. And then he says, verse 16, most assuredly. Remember when Jesus says most assuredly? Some of your Bibles say verily, verily. Some of them say amen, amen. Some of them say truly, truly. And remember every time Jesus says those things, whatever your Bible happens to say, all of them are good translations. You know what He's saying? He's saying, listen up folks, what I'm about to say is very important. So you better listen up right now. And so Jesus says, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent

him. See, God calls each and every one of us. And yeah, in the eyes of the world sometimes, a servant is nothing and a master is great. But Jesus says that the ground is level at the cross, right? That there's no more Jew, no more Greek, no more male, no more female. That doesn't erase the distinction of roles of men and women and all these other things that some people say. But what it does say is that, look, everybody is somebody in the eyes of God. Everybody is equal in the eyes of God. He loves all of us. He cares for all of us. And He says, look, no matter whether you're the one who was sent, the master, or whether you're the servant, hey, in the eyes of God, You're the same to me, because I love you both. And then he says, look what he says in verse 17, if you know these sayings, blessed are you if you, what? Do them. You know, Jesus over and over and over again, remember the Bible talks about James 2.14 to 26, that faith without works is what? Dead, right? What Jesus says here is the same thing he always says. Why do you call me Lord, Lord? Do not do the things I say to do. If you love me, you'll keep my commandments. And all these things just add up to the same thing. If you're really truly saved, guess what? These will be evident in your life. And you are blessed. Why? What does Matthew 5 say? Blessed are you if you are persecuted. Blessed are you if you are humble. Blessed are you if you are reviled and persecuted. Blessed are those who are meek. Blessed are those who mourn and seek God. Why are they blessed? They're blessed because why? They are seeking God. They want

what God has. They're mourning over their sin.

Those are not the way you get into heaven. But those are the things that show that you are in heaven. Because you mourn over your sin. You're going to be persecuted. You're going to be mistreated.

You're going to desire the things of God. And blessed means you're joyful, right? You are getting something out

of it. And you know, I tell people all

the time, the world thinks that going to church and living for

God is no fun. And it is. It is. It's fun. And you know when I

have more fun, doing this and then all the stuff I used to

do before I was saved. I tell folks that all the time.

And I did a lot of wrong things. I tell them, you know, look,

I have way more fun than I used to have. And you know what? It

don't cause me all the pain and the trouble and the sorrow and

all the things that come out of doing wrong. You know, the

Bible says sin is fun for a season. You can play all you want to,

but then somewhere along the line, the bill comes due. Every

time the devil says, come on and get it and have fun, there's

always a hook in it. And that hook will catch you,

right? That old fish thinks he's getting a good shrimp or a good

little old fish or something. And all of a sudden he chomps

down on that thing. What does he got? He's got a hook, right? And that's what the devil does.

He says, come on, have a little fun. You know, I can give you satisfaction.

I can give you joy. I can give you all those things.

But you don't have to serve that old God who's a tyrant. And he's

holding out on you. He don't want you to have all

the real fun. But as soon as you chomped down on it, he said,

I got you. And then you find out that what

you did is going to cost you. One person put it this way, said

it'll take you further than you want to go, take you longer,
keep you longer than you wanted to stay, and cost you more than
you ever wanted to pay. But see, blessed are you if you
do these things, because see, When you do, that proves to the
world that you are who you said you are. Because you can't fake
living for God. You can for a little while. But
you know what happens? Eventually, it comes out. Like old Abraham Lincoln says,
you can fool some people some of the time, but you can't fool
all the people all the time. You can't fool God at all. He knows everything. He told
them folks that it was coming after the bread. They said the
next day they were seeking him after he fed the 15 or 20,000
people with the loaves and the fishes. He said, look, you're
not seeking me because you want me. You're seeking me because
you ate the loaves and the fishes and were filled. You're not seeking
me for the right reason. And see, God knows, and we can
fake people out for a little while. Some people go to church
and they dress up nice and they look all pretty, but down inside,
they've never been changed. And when you're changed, yes,
you still have a hard time sometimes, and sometimes you still do some
of the things you used to do, and yeah, we all sin, but you
know what? We still have it way better than
those that are living for the world. We're just getting a taste
of heaven on this side of earth. Jesus says basically what the
lessons of this storm will quit here today. The lessons are is
Jesus wants you to wash His feet today by serving His people. Did you know that? You serve
His people and when you serve His people, you serve Jesus. Now if Jesus were to come in
here, we'd all line up to wash Jesus' feet. But if somebody
down the hallway or somebody off the street or one of the
staff or somebody come in, we might think two or three times

or a bunch of times or just walk out, right? So humility involves serving others, not just the Lord. I mean, if the Lord could say He humbled Himself and became obedient to death, even the death of the cross, hung naked on that cross, was spit on, mocked, mistreated, washed the disciples' feet, what aren't we to do? And then joy not only comes from learning about humility. See, a lot of people know this book. They know the Word of God, but they have never put it into practice. It's not just about how much scripture that you have out here, but how much is coming out from here. Yes, we'll always know more than we practice. You know, the bad thing about being a preacher, I heard one man say that the bad thing about being a preacher is my wife expects me to live up to my sermons every week. None of us can live up to this word perfectly. But you know what? Through the power of God, Paul said, I can do all things. I don't know if there's anybody in here, probably everybody in here knows the Lord. But if you don't, Jesus wants to wash your feet today. He wants to save you and forgive you and change you from the inside out. Like I said, I know a lot of people go to different churches and unfortunately Not every church teaches the true gospel that Jesus died in our place. He died for our sins. He was buried. He rose again the third day. And if you trust in that and nothing else to get you to heaven, you make it. That's called faith, right? God said it. I believe it. That's faith. But some people think well I got to add this and I got to add that and I got to add something else. You know what that is? That's what Peter had. He had pride, right? Pride is saying I can add something

to what God did to get into heaven. God says look. I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one gets to the Father but by me. In other words, there's no other way to get there. When he said it is finished on the cross, he meant he did everything that was necessary for us to go to heaven. There was nothing left to do. I told you all before, if I painted everything on that wall and left one little old spot the size of a pinhead, it's not finished, right? But Jesus said it was finished. It was complete. It was done.

And we need to believe that. We need to trust in that. And some of you maybe sometimes doubt. I ask people sometimes, are you going to heaven? And they say, well, I hope so. didn't die so that you might hope so. He died that you would know so. Because John wrote that book, 1 John, also. He wrote this book, John, the book of John, to say that you might believe and believe and you might have life in His name. But then he wrote 1 John and he says in John, 1 John chapter 5 verse 13, he says, I wrote these things that you might know that you have eternal life. And you know you have eternal life because you've put your faith in a Savior. And then you've seen the evidence of the way God's changed you from the inside out. And that you can serve people. You can pray for people who curse you and spitefully use you. And you can do things for people that don't deserve it. Because you realize that none of us do. Well, let's pray and we'll close today. Father, we love you, we thank you, and we thank you that when there was no way, that you made a way, that you sent your son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. And you said that no one gets to the Father but by you. You said that it is not a works,

lest anyone should boast. So Lord, I pray for many folks probably that haven't come to this service and don't come to this service that they would come and realize that you are the only way to make it to heaven. It's not works, it's not communion, it's not baptism, but it is grace. Through faith, it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. Father, help someone here today, if anybody in here is not trusting in you, to cry out and say, Lord Jesus, save me. And then trusting in that, because you said, whoever calls on your name shall be saved. And we thank you for that. In Jesus' name, amen. Hi, I'm Marty McKenzie with His Love Ministries. Please help us reach out to those the world has forgotten. Everyone we minister to is locked up in some way, shape, or form. Those in the nursing home facilities are locked up in bodies that do not work, in a wheelchair, or in a bed. We minister to children and youth who are locked up because of behavioral problems. Some have told us we want to have a real family because their parents have lost or given up custody of them. Other kids are locked up because they've committed crimes. We also minister to those locked up at the jails and the prisons, to those locked up in addictions to drugs, alcohol, depression, and suicidal thoughts, to those locked up in a variety of other things that keep them from becoming who Jesus wants them to be. He came to give us abundant life, joy, and set us free. And these people that we minister to are not free. Our desire is to show them whatever their background, no matter what they've done, to see how much God loves them. We seek to help them receive forgiveness and freedom from their sin in Jesus Christ. We minister in the local area of Savannah, Georgia and surrounding

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