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In the kingdom of King Jesus in the local church:

Welcome, security, maintenance, evangelism, cleaning, caring, admin., helping, cooking, visiting, encouraging, sound desk, welcome, praying, transport, planning, looking after money, children's work, befriending, 1 to 1 bible study etc...

starts with a servant heart

Bible Reading

John 13:1-17 (p.1081)

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Washing feet?

(John 13:1-17 p1081)



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actually a common and
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An action with solemn revealed thoughts and words

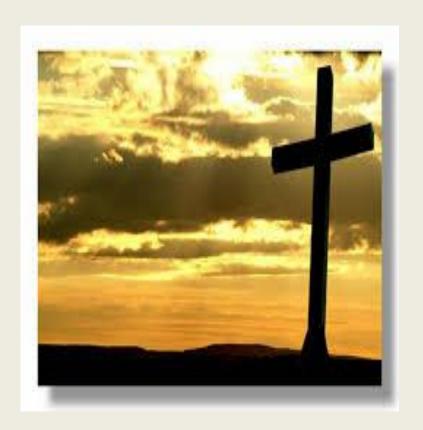


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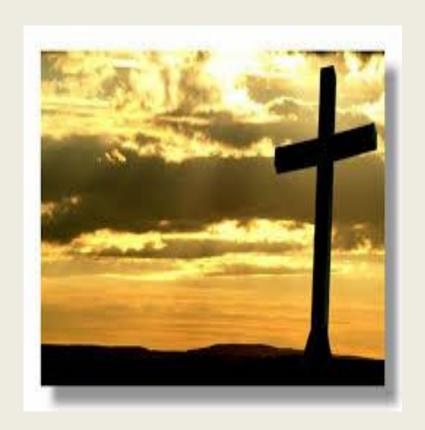
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'For even the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

Mark 10:45



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This is what GRACE means and GRACE demands

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We are to be a people whose every action in relation to one another has the picture of 'feet washing' applied to it.

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Nothing is **too menial or insignificant**(the extent of Jesus' love!)

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The blessing of doing

John 17:17

Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

Prayer

Sorrow... repentance

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Encouragement