



LIVING WORD NRA

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT

The Towel of Greatness

JOHN 13:1-5,12-17



JOHN 13:1-5,12-17 ESV

¹ Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.



JOHN 13:1-5,12-17 ESV

² During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him,



JOHN 13:1-5,12-17 ESV

³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God,



JOHN 13:1-5,12-17 ESV

⁴ rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist.



JOHN 13:1-5,12-17 ESV

⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.



JOHN 13:1-5,12-17 ESV

¹² When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you?”



JOHN 13:1-5,12-17 ESV

¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am.



JOHN 13:1-5,12-17 ESV

¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.



JOHN 13:1-5,12-17 ESV

¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.



JOHN 13:1-5,12-17 ESV

¹⁶ Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.



JOHN 13:1-5,12-17 ESV

¹⁷ If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.



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Every time you served, you picked up a towel, too.

SERVICE IS OUR
IDENTITY, NOT JUST
OUR DUTY



JOHN 13:14 ESV

¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.



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Serving others wasn't meant to be a task list for his disciples; it was meant to be the trademark of their lives.

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There's a big difference between doing something *because you have to* and doing something *because it's who you are*.

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Serving isn't just what we do; it's who we are.

SERVICE FLOWS
FROM LOVE, NOT
FROM RECOGNITION



JOHN 13:1 ESV

¹ Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, **having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.**



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We don't serve because people deserve it; we serve because
Jesus displayed it.

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When you love Jesus, serving others stops feeling like sacrifice
and starts feeling like worship.

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Love that doesn't get dirty probably never touched anyone.

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Love is the only fuel that never runs dry.

SERVICE LEADS TO
JOY, NOT TO
BURNOUT



JOHN 13:17 ESV

¹⁷ If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.



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The joy isn't just in *knowing* what Jesus did. The joy is in *doing* it.

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The towel that serves others wipes joy onto your own heart.

PSALMS 100:2 ESV

² Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

