



I Will Survive – How to Make It Through A Bad Day – SERVE

There is this basic human need to feel understood.

When we're going through a bad day sometimes we just need people to understand us.

John 13: 1-11(NIV)

1 It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love. **2** The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. **3** Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; **4** so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. **5** After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" **7** Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." **8** "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." **9** "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" **10** Jesus answered, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." **11** For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

Jesus is showing Peter and the disciples how he treated the DENIER and the BETRAYER.

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"God wants us to have soft hearts and hard feet. The trouble with so many of us is that we have hard hearts and soft feet." – Jackie Pullinger

John 13:12-14

12 When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. **13** "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. **14** Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.

Jesus responds to his BAD DAY by servicing others

Matthew 20:26-28 (NIV). ²⁶ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— ²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

The secret to serving is knowing who you are servicing!

We receive greater joy when we know WHY we're serving and WHO we're serving.

2) Serving is how we LOVE others

3) Serving makes us a part of something greater

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