



Gathering at 502 Pike Street, Superior MT

TITLE: Biblical Life Words--Living By God's Word: "One Another"

TEXT: John 13:1-17

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Sermon Series Scripture

2 Timothy 3:16-17:

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

Biblical Life Word this week is the Phrase: ONE ANOTHER

Remember, We will not be able to *totally cover* each weekly word.

Remember, the sermon is to encourage your *further study*.

Remember, God *speaks to you* directly and personally!

Remember, we worship together as we meet Him *in His Word*!

Let me define what this phrase is about and why we are looking at it today. I'm certainly not the first to point to the list of "***one another's***", in the Bible nor will I be the last. It's significance for us here at CFF is that it goes to the very heart of our fellowship foundation as stated in

1 John 1:7:

7 But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.

In Christ, we learn what the Christ-followers life is supposed to be like with **ONE ANOTHER**! We show the world that we are following Jesus together! His love in us ... lived through us... to each other and all others!

I. FIRST, LOOK:

We will Look at **ONE ANOTHER** by Looking at a variety of Biblical References:

Now, Let's Meet God, together, in His Word!

Romans 15:7: 7 Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.

Ephesians 4:32: 32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Ephesians 4:2: ² With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

1 Peter 5:5: ⁵ Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

Romans 12:15: ¹⁵ Rejoice with them (one another) that do rejoice, and weep with them (one another) that weep.

Romans 12:16: ¹⁶ Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

Romans 14:13: ¹³ Let us not therefore judge one another anymore: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.

Ephesians 4:2: ² With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

Colossians 3:16: ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Romans 16:16: ¹⁶ Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.

1 Corinthians 11:33: ³³ Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another.

1 Corinthians 12:25: ²⁵ That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.

Galatians 5:13: ¹³ For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

Romans 12:10: ¹⁰ Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

1 Thessalonians 5:11: ¹¹ Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

Ephesians 5:21: ²¹ Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

Colossians 3:13: ¹³ Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

Hebrews 10:24: ²⁴ And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

1 Peter 4:9: ⁹ Use hospitality one to another without grudging.

1 Peter 4:10: ¹⁰ As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

James 4:11: ¹¹ Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge.

James 5:9: ⁹ Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door.

James 5:16: ¹⁶ Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer a righteous man availeth much.

1 Corinthians 4:6: ⁶ And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and to Apollos for your sakes; that ye might learn in us not to think of men above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another.

Galatians 6:2: ² Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

II. SECOND: LEARN

Learning Note 1: SELECT a Passage:

John 13:1-17

¹ Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that His hour was come that He should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved His own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end.

² And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him;

³ Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He was come from God, and went to God;

⁴ He riseth from supper, and laid aside His garments; and took a towel, and girded Himself.

⁵ After that He poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith He was girded.

⁶ Then cometh He to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto Him, Lord, dost Thou wash my feet?

⁷ Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.

⁸ Peter saith unto Him, Thou shalt never wash my feet.

Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with Me.

⁹ Simon Peter saith unto Him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.

¹⁰ Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.

¹¹ For He knew who should betray Him; therefore said He, Ye are not all clean.

***12 So after He had washed their feet, and had taken His garments, and was set down again, He said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?
13 Ye call Me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.
14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.
15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.
16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.
17 If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.***

Learning Note 2: STUDY

Study Point #1: John 13:1-17, records the last Passover meal that Jesus had with His disciples. The washing of the disciples' feet by Jesus does not institute an ordinance for the church to follow, but a servants' lesson for the church to live. In fact, ***"He loved them unto the end."* (13:1c)**

Study Point #2: While in the presence of His disciples, Jesus knew His time was at hand and within just a few hours He would be betrayed, denied, and deserted by all. Like us today, Jesus knew everything about His disciples, and still He loved them as He still loves us today.

Study Point #3: Following the meal, Jesus does something totally unexpected, He washes the disciples' feet. This was an act that was done for guests only by the *servants of the house*. Jesus, the Chief Servant, is modeling and teaching the required task of **servicing** for every one of His followers, even today.

Study Point #4: Following a clarifying moment with Peter and the announcement of a betrayal, Jesus returns to His seat and asks His disciples if they understood what He just did. He clearly states His lesson in **verses 13-17**:

***13 Ye call Me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.
14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.
15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.
16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.
17 If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.***

Study Point #5: Jesus points to His Lordship and therefore also points to the divine truth that He is worthy of being worshipped. As Lord, Jesus also models the type of godly humility that will be needed by every one of His followers; then and now. Even though the cross is right before Him, Jesus humbles Himself before His disciples to address the presence of pride that must be dealt with if future Christ-like service is to be done. This scene was and still is the apt commentary for **Philippians 2:5-8**.

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

***6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:
7 But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant,
and was made in the likeness of men:
8 And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself,
and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.***

Learning Note 3: SUMMARIZE

Summary Statement No. 1: Note from Hershel Hobbs: “The disciples wore sandals. Thus, walking along their feet became dusty. According to the custom the host provided someone, usually a slave, to rinse the feet of his guests upon arrival. It was considered to be the most menial of services. Jesus had no slave, and so concerned were His disciples with their personal greatness it certainly was beneath their dignity to supply this service for their host, Jesus. Noting that this still had to be done, Jesus proceeded to do it for them.”

Summary Statement No. 2: Note from Josh McDowell: “If Jesus had done nothing more than simply pronounce the command, (to serve and love one another), these disciples might have raised the question: “Well, if we are to love each other like He loves us, just how has He loved us? What does that look like?” Jesus illustrated the command a demonstration so they would see, firsthand, that to love another is to serve him. A few hours later, they would see love stretched out on the cross, dying, in their stead.”

Summary Statement No. 3: Following the ascension of Jesus back into Heaven and the launching of the New Testament church in **Acts**, the writers of the remainder of the New Testament scriptures are filled with pictures of Christ-like love and instructions on how to live as followers with one another. In concert with these “one another” passages stands the admonition of **1 Corinthians 13:4-8a**:

***4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not;
charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,
5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own,
is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;
6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;
7 Beareth all things, believeth all things,
hopeth all things, endureth all things.
8 Charity never faileth:***

III. THIRD: LIVE OUT

Action Step 1: Plan to always **identify** and keep a “**one another**” list before you!

Action Step 2: Plan to **personalize** each serving instruction before you with a *specific* person’s name in mind.

Action Step 3: Plan to actually **do some act of service** for each need or person as revealed—*write a note*, send an *email*, make a *phone* call, or *visit* ...

CONCLUSION

With the conclusion of ***chapter 13*** we hear Jesus issuing a new commandment, the 11th commandment if you will. As stated in ***John 13:34-35***:

34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

35 By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Loving one another was and still is the divine mark that shows the watching world what true Christ-like living is all about. It has become our clear badge of distinction. CFF let us tell and live the love of Jesus as we serve!

INVITATION

God continually-graciously invites you to join Him in His Kingdom's work.