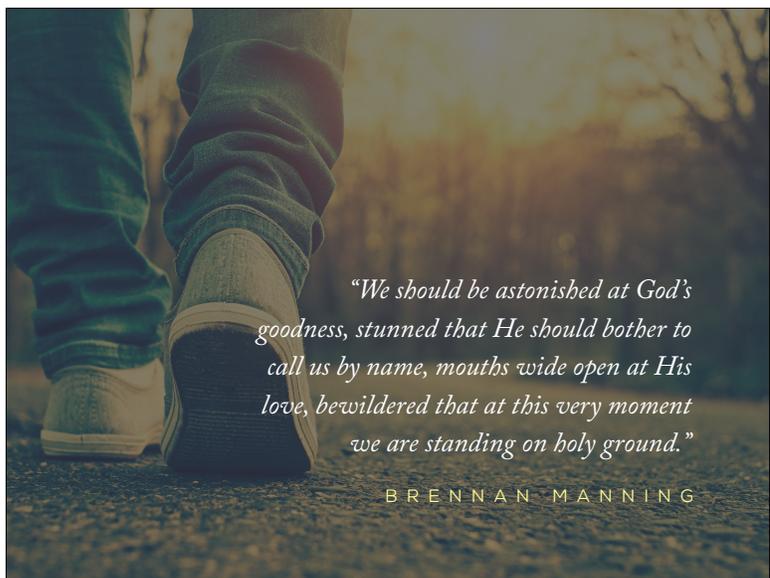


The Gospel of John

PART 22
John 13—This Is Love

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"We should be astonished at God's goodness, stunned that He should bother to call us by name, mouths wide open at His love, bewildered that at this very moment we are standing on holy ground."

BRENNAN MANNING

JOHN 13:1
"It was just before Passover and Jesus knew the hour had come for him to leave this world to go the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love."

JOHN 13:2

"It was time for supper, and the devil had already prompted Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus."

JOHN 13:38

"Die for me? I tell you the truth, Peter, before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me."

JOHN 13:3

"Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything."

THE FULL EXTENT OF *love*

I am supernaturally *loved*, when from a human perspective, I am not naturally lovable.

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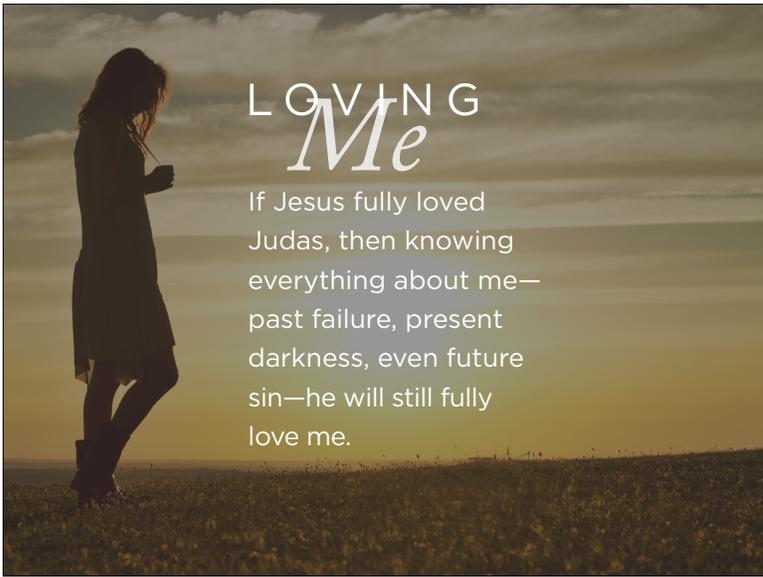
"The devil had already enticed Judas to carry out his plan to betray Jesus." JOHN 13:2

"Jesus knew who would betray him; that is what he meant when he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'" JOHN 13:11

LOVING *Judas*

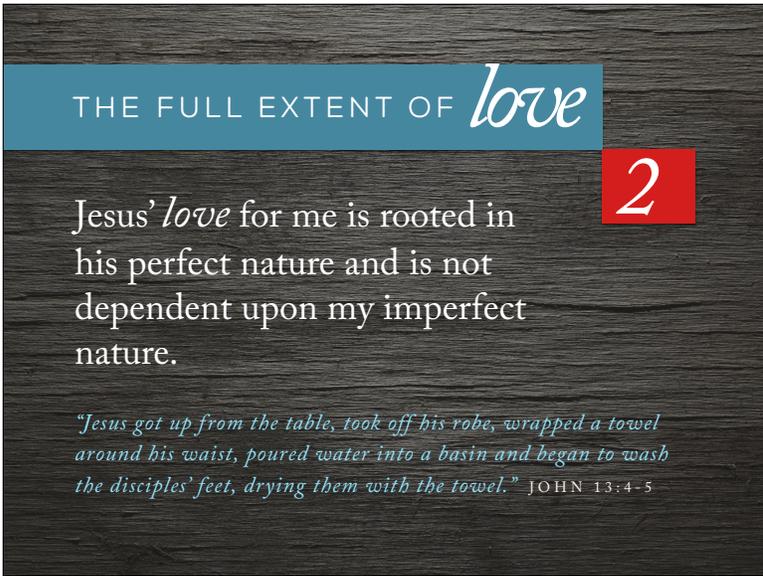
Knowing everything in Judas' past, the utter evil present in his heart, the infamy of his future, Jesus still knelt as servant to wash his feet.

To the quintessentially imperfect man, Jesus shows perfect love!



LOVING *Me*

If Jesus fully loved Judas, then knowing everything about me—past failure, present darkness, even future sin—he will still fully love me.

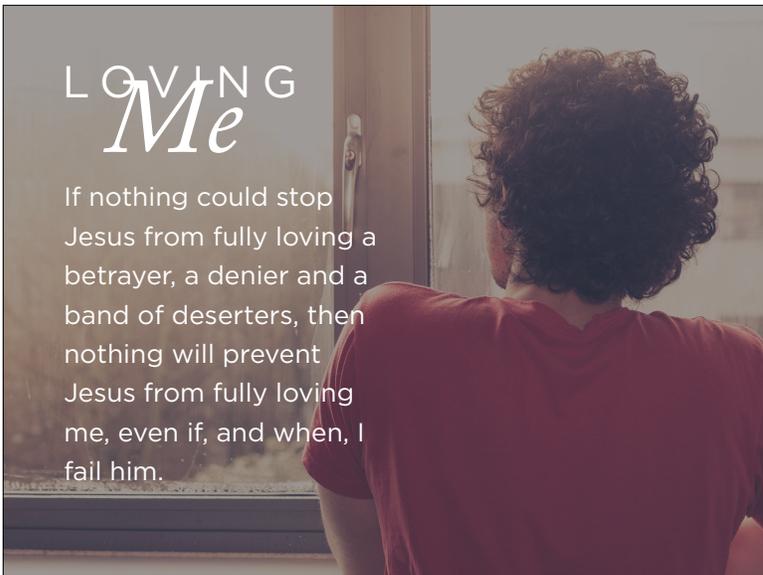


THE FULL EXTENT OF *love*

2

Jesus' *love* for me is rooted in his perfect nature and is not dependent upon my imperfect nature.

"Jesus got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel." JOHN 13:4-5



LOVING *Me*

If nothing could stop Jesus from fully loving a betrayer, a denier and a band of deserters, then nothing will prevent Jesus from fully loving me, even if, and when, I fail him.

MY ASSIGNMENT: LET JESUS *love* ME.

STEP 1 *Listen to a hymn or song about God's unconditional love.*

STEP 2 *Meditate on and memorize Scripture about God's unconditional love.*

STEP 3 *Express gratitude for God's unconditional love.*

THE FULL EXTENT OF *love*

Jesus' supernatural *love* must turn my imperfect nature into a conduit of God's love for others

3

"I am giving you a new commandment: Just as I have loved you, now love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." JOHN 13:34-35

LOVING *Others*

Becoming the conduit of God's love is

- ...the purpose for which God made me.
- ...the answer to my heart's deepest longing.
- ...the path to my success, significance and satisfaction in life.
- ...the preeminent proof of my discipleship.

JOHN 13:35

*"By this everybody will know you are my disciples:
That you love one another."*

Becoming BLESS-able

JOHN 13:14-15

*"As your Lord and Teacher, I have washed your feet,
so you ought to wash each other's feet. I have given
you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you."*

JOHN 13:17

*"Now that you know these things, God will bless you
for doing them."*

MY ASSIGNMENT: LET JESUS *love* OTHERS THROUGH ME..

PART 1 *I must plan for interruptions
in my calendar.*

PART 2 *I must plan to lavishly
love the least likely.*

MATTHEW 5:46

*"If all you do is love the lovable, don't expect a
bonus. Anyone can do that!" (The Message)*

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