

SACRIFICIAL SERVING

(08/16/2026; John 13:1-20; Brendan Coburn; Christ Proclamation Church)

Sermon Theme: On the final night of Jesus' earthly ministry, He sacrificially served the disciples by washing their feet and called them to do the same to one another. Therefore, Christians ought to joyfully serve one another in any way possible as a living picture of Christ's person and work for all the world to see.

I. Sacrificial Service Displayed – Read John 13:1-11

- A. What is the context of John 13, and what does it mean that Jesus' "*hour*" had come to depart?
- B. What are all the details in this passage that highlight that Jesus is God? Hint: What are all the things that Jesus "*knows*" in (vv.3, 11, 19)?
- C. What do you know about foot washing in the ancient Near East? What stands out to you about Jesus' willingness to wash the disciples' feet? What about washing Judas Iscariot's feet?

II. Sacrificial Service Explained – Read John 13:12-20

- A. What stands out to you from verses 12-20?
- B. What reasons does Jesus give us to follow His example as believers (vv.12-20)?
- C. What are the two results promised for those who follow Jesus in being made low? How would you like to grow in humbly loving the lost in hopes of gospel opportunity?
- D. Would you consider yourself willing to sacrificially serve others? How have you seen the Lord grow you in humility within the last year?

III. Sacrificial Service Applied

- A. What do you think is the core attitude of a person who serves others sacrificially, and how did Jesus model this attitude perfectly?
- B. How would you like to grow in your resolve to serve sacrificially?
- C. As you think about your family at Proclamation, how can we work together to grow in our desire to serve one another sacrificially?
- D. In what ways is sacrificial service critical to the health and well-being of our church?