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Elemental Faith: "Water, Part 3"
Water: Symbol of Service
John 13:3-17

1. The _____ of Service
- Luke 22:24

2. The _____ of His Service
- Philippians 2:3-8; John 13:1

3. Our _____ to be _____ by _____
- John 13:6-9; Matthew 7:21-23

4. Our _____ to _____
- John 13:12-17; John 15:12; Matthew 10:42



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"During the meal Jesus got up, removed his outer garment, and wrapped a towel around his waist. He put some water into a large bowl. Then he began washing his disciples' feet and drying them." (John 13:4-5, cev)

- Re-read through your notes. Review the main points and read the Scripture references that are provided for you.
- Have you ever participated in a foot washing service? If so, what was your experience like?
- The early church considered making foot washing a sacrament, like baptism and communion. Why do you think they wanted to do that? How would your worship experience be different today if they had?
- Why do you suppose they chose not to?
- Why do you think the disciples didn't step up and start washing each other's feet?
- In what ways are we like that? How have you been like that recently? What should you do about that?
- Imagine what it must have been like for the disciples to see Jesus, their master, hero, miracle worker, followed by hundreds and even thousands of people, stoop down and do the job of a slave?
- Why was it so important for Jesus to do so?
- Do you think He would do that for you? What does that mean about how he feels about you?
- Why are we sometimes like Peter—we don't want Jesus to do that for us?
- What did Jesus mean by saying "unless I do this, you will not be my disciple"?
- How have you carried out Jesus' example in your own life? Can you name ways you have been a servant?
- In what greater ways is God asking you to be a servant? (Be specific!)