

The Right Foundation

"For the Win" series- Part 7

Connect: Can you describe a time when someone did something for you and as a result you felt greatly humbled by his or her actions?

Hook:

In the message delivered by Pastor Brandon entitled, "*When Spiritual Warfare Hits Home*", he stated that to win this battle we must have a firm foundation (like the difference between a house built on sand and one built on a rock). That foundation included the following aspects: Know Who Jesus Is, Know Who You Are, and Know What You Are Here To Do.

Which one of these three foundational aspects do you struggle with the most?

Which one is easy for you and why is it easy for you?

Today, we will look at a passage of Scripture where Jesus exemplified and built on these foundational principles.

Book:

John 13:1 Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that His hour had come to leave this world and return to His Father. He had loved His disciples during His ministry on earth, and now He loved them to the very end.

John 13:2 It was time for supper, and the devil had already prompted Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.

John 13:3 Jesus knew that the Father had given Him authority over everything and that He had come from God and would return to God.

John 13:4 So He got up from the table, took off His robe, wrapped a towel around His waist,

John 13:5 and poured water into a basin. Then He began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel He had around Him.

Look:

According to our text, what did Jesus know about God and what kind of relationship did He have with God?

Why did Jesus leave His Father and come to earth? What does His return back to the Father imply?

What was Jesus here to do?

How did Jesus show His love for His disciples during His ministry?

Many times, the disciples acted in “unlovable ways”. How can you love an irresponsible, self-focused person without enabling him to continue in his irresponsible ways?

Why do you suppose that the devil prompted Judas to betray Jesus?

In what way did Jesus combat Satan in this particular attack of betrayal? Consider verse 3.

What do you **know** that will help you during times of betrayal, hurts, and unjust suffering in this life?

How can you pass this knowledge onto others, particularly family members?

What foundational principal was Jesus teaching His disciples when He washed their feet?

What do we learn about humility from His example in John 13?

What are some practical everyday ways that we can teach humility to members of our family?

Can a person know whether he is truly being humble or not? What is the essence of true biblical humility?

How can the practice of humility help us in spiritual warfare?

Took:

Ask yourself two questions:

(1) Do I consistently experience Christ’s love? If not, what is the hindrance?

(2) Do I consistently follow Christ’s example of humble service? If not, jot down some specific ways that you can begin this week.