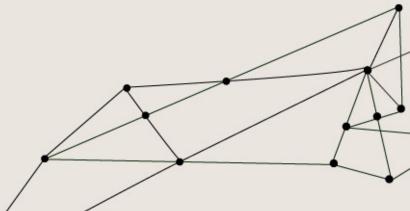
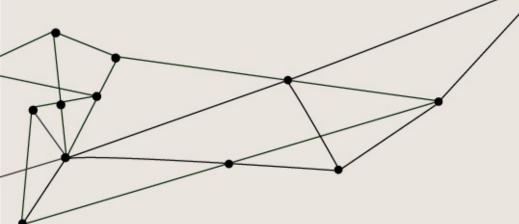


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#### **JOHN 13:1-26**

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. 2 It was time for supper, and the devil had already prompted Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. 3 Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God. 4 So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, 5 and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him. 6 When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"



8 "No," Peter protested, "you will never ever wash my feet!"
Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you won't belong to me."
9 Simon Peter exclaimed, "Then wash my hands and head as well, Lord, not just my feet!"

10 Jesus replied, "A person who has bathed all over does not need to wash, except for the feet, to be entirely clean. And you disciples are clean, but not all of you." 11 For Jesus knew who would betray him. That is what he meant when he said, "Not all of you are clean."

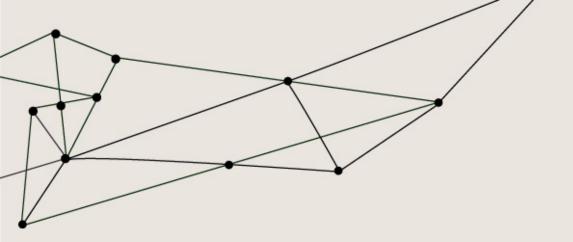
12 After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, "Do you understand what I was doing? 13 You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because that's what I am. 14 And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. 15 I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. 16 I tell you the truth, slaves are not greater than their master. Nor is the messenger more important than the one who sends the message. 17 Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them. 18 "I am not saying these things to all of you; I know the ones I have chosen. But this fulfills the Scripture that says, 'The one who eats my food has turned against me.'

19 I tell you this beforehand, so that when it happens you will believe that I am the Messiah. 20 I tell you the truth, anyone who welcomes my messenger is welcoming me, and anyone who welcomes me is welcoming the Father who sent me."

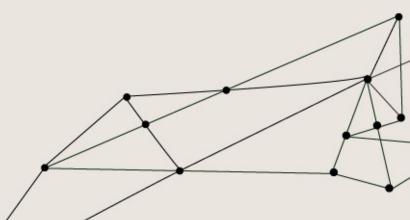
- 21 Now Jesus was deeply troubled, and he exclaimed, "I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me!"
- 22 The disciples looked at each other, wondering whom he could mean.
- 23 The disciple Jesus loved was sitting next to Jesus at the table.
- 24 Simon Peter motioned to him to ask, "Who's he talking about?"
- 25 So that disciple leaned over to Jesus and asked, "Lord, who is it?"
- 26 Jesus responded, "It is the one to whom I give the bread I dip in the

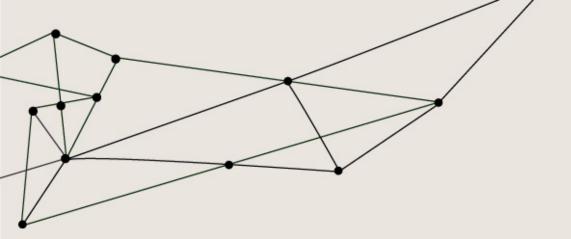
bowl." And when he had dipped it, he gave it to Judas, son of Simon

**Iscariot.** 



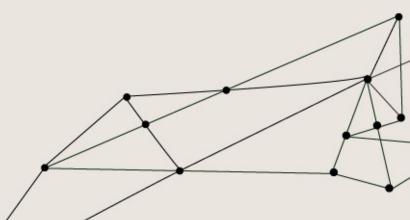
- Jesus was selfless enough to wash feet.
- Jesus was secure enough to wash feet.
- Jesus was sympathetic enough to wash feet.
- Jesus was the standard so that His disciples would one day wash feet.

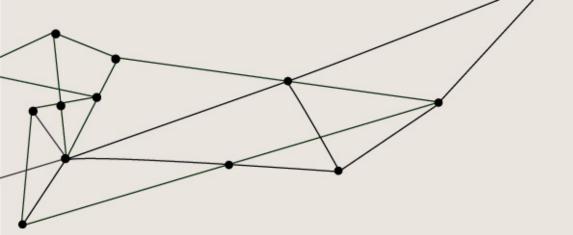




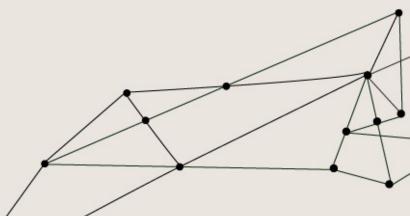
"Developing self-forgetfulness leads toward discovery of the individual self through connecting with and for others. We become our more fulfilled and engaged selves by developing that aspect of the self that is of and for others."

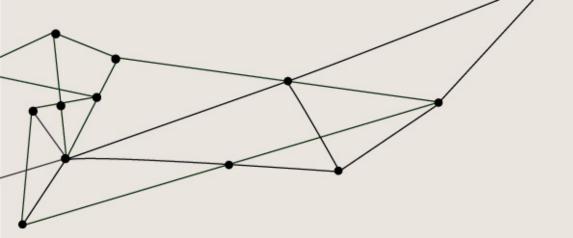
(Turner, Oakes, & Haslam).



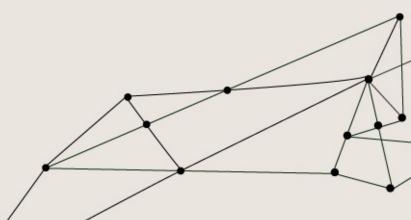


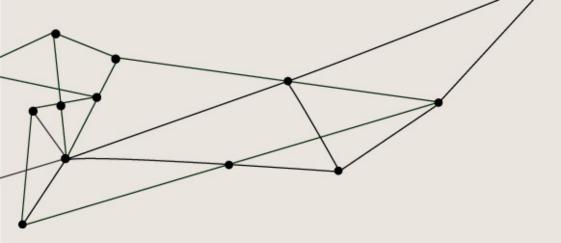
# If you can be selfless enough under stress to bless others it will drain the power of your hardship.





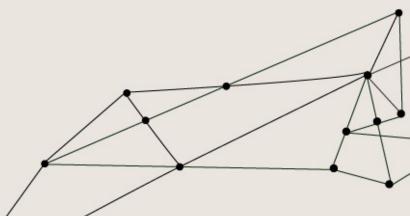
"...Nothing has contributed to the progress of the superstition of these Christians as their charity to strangers. The impious Galileans provide not only for their own poor, but for ours as well."

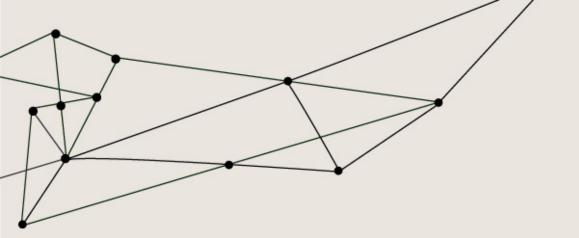




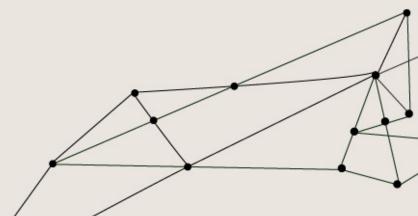
#### **JOHN 13:3-5**

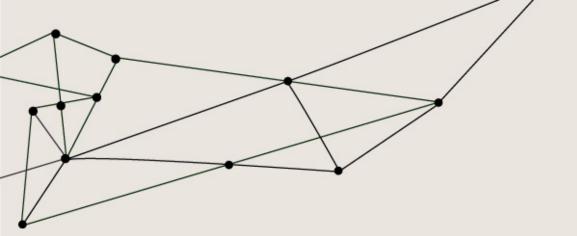
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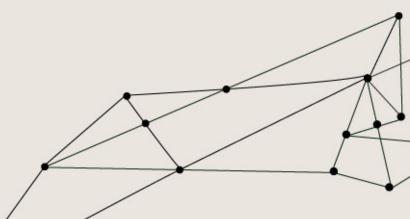


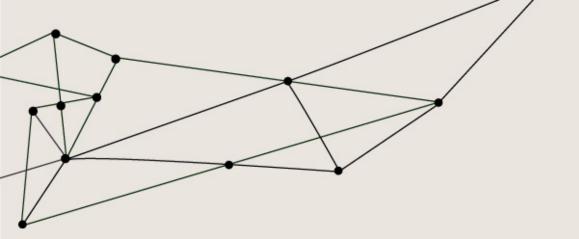
If you have the smile of God on you, all other frowns are inconsequential.



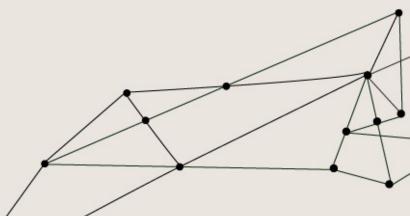


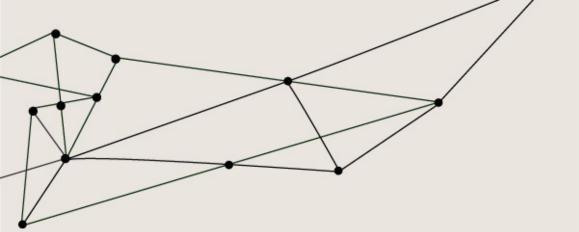
It is very possible to jerry rig your behavior to make yourself look like you have the character of Jesus, but there's no change in your character at all.



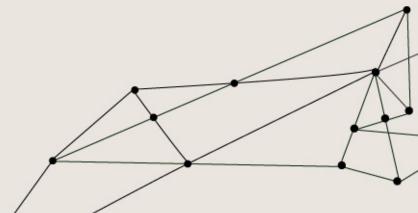


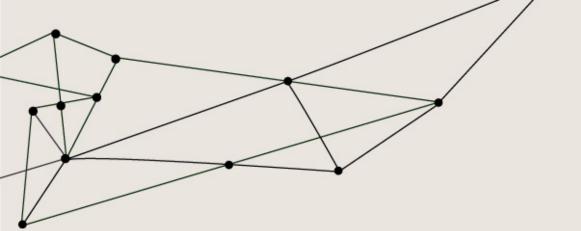
Some of us will never understand the gospel of grace, we will never understand how poor we are spiritually until we allow a brother or sister in the faith to serve us.



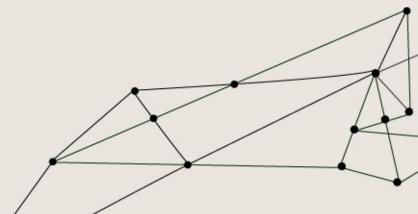


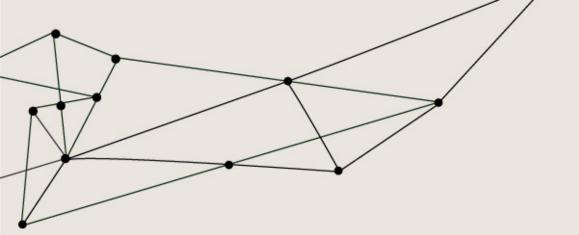
### Unless I wash you, you won't belong to me.



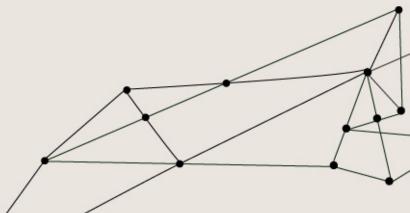


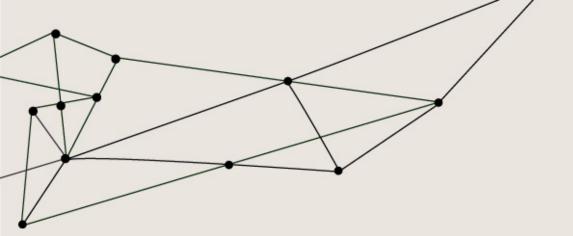
"When you ignored your neighbor, you ignored me."





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# On the cross, Jesus was the ultimate picture of selflessness, security, and sympathy hanging on a standard.

