



**Fall 2020 Theme:** Love for One Another  
**Unit III:** Godly Love among Believers

**Lesson Titles:**  
**Upside-down Love**  
 (Faith Pathway Bible Studies)  
**Loving by Serving**  
 (Townsend Press Sunday School  
 Commentary)

## LESSON 9 • November 1, 2020

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**Background Scripture:** John 13:1-35

**Print Passage:** John 13:1-15, 34-35

### Key Verse(s):

I have given you an example, that ye should do  
 as I have done to you. (John 13:15, KJV)

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“I have set you an example that you should do  
 as I have done for you.”  
 (John 13:15, NIV)

### Questions to Consider:

- Why did Peter object to Jesus **washing** His feet?
- What was Jesus teaching His disciples in this week’s lesson about serving others?

### Lesson Aims:

As a result of experiencing this lesson, the participants should be able to do these things:

- Consider the significance of Jesus’ washing the disciples’ feet.
- Repent of pride that has prevented their serving selflessly.
- Serve others as an expression of Christian love.

### Lesson Context:

- John Chapter 13 marks the end of Jesus’ **public** ministry and the beginning of His private ministry to His disciples.
- This is a lesson about serving others with an attitude of humility and love.
- Jesus gave final instructions to prepare His disciples for His death and resurrection, and events that would change their lives forever.

### Lesson Outlines/Key Points:

#### I. A Reversal of Roles (John 13:1-5)

Jesus **loved** His disciples. He was preparing to physically leave them.

## II. Misunderstanding and Rejection (John 13:6-15)

Jesus was teaching that the spiritual cleansing of the redeemed at salvation does not have to be repeated. All that is needed is the daily cleansing from the defilement of the sin dwelling within.

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## III. A New Kind of Love (John 13:34-35)

- Jesus gave His disciples a charge to follow His example.
  - Jesus says that our Christlike love will show that we are His disciples. It will show up in our love and service to other.
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### Lesson Summary:

- Jesus taught that our love for one another should be manifested in our service to others.
  - Christians are called to love one another by serving even in undesirable roles.
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### What do you think? (These questions are found in this week's Faith Pathway student book.)

1. How can titles get in the way of humbly serving others? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Why does the biblical principle of functioning as a servant challenge believers?  
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3. Do those in your community who may not know Christ as Savior recognize that unconditionally loving others is a priority in your local congregation?  
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### As a result of this lesson, I will do the following:

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