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upendo bila kikomo

JOHN 13:1-15

Yesu, ingawa fahamu ukuu wake mwenyewe, na hivyo alijinyenyekeza. Yeye akaweka kando vazi lake, ambayo ni sehemu ya wale alijaribu kumzuia yeye katika huduma yake. Nawe husemi kuwasilisha kwa mapenzi yangu, wewe huna hakuna sehemu nami. Wewe huko mwanafunzi wangu. Kwa kila njia iwezekanavyo, sisi ni kusaidia kila mmoja katika kufikia usafi; kufanya kila aina ya ofisi nzuri kwa kila mmoja, hata wale wa aina ya chini, wakati nafasi mtumishi, na umuhimu wa simu zozote kwa ajili yao — John Wesley (1754).

Lazima uwe na mtazamo kama wa Kristo Yesu. Ingawa alikuwa Mungu, Hakuwa kufikiria sawa na Mungu kuwa kitu cha kushikamana. Badala yake, yeye aliacha fursa yake Mungu; alichukua nafasi ya unyenyekevu ya mtumwa na kuzaliwa kama binadamu. Wafilipi 2: 5-7

Kazi katika ngazi kubwa, hata hivyo, mjadala huu wanapaswa kuwakumbusha ya kwamba Yesu alitoka maisha yake kwa ajili ya wanafunzi. Kama wale wanaojua jinsi Yesu anaenda kupokea utukufu, tunajua kwamba upendo na unyenyekevu wa Yesu hawana kuacha katika utumishi. Upendo wake na unyenyekevu kufikia karibu ya kufa, hata mauti ya msalaba. Wakati Yesu anawaambia wanafunzi hao ni kupendana kama Yeye kupendwa kwao, wasikilizaji mapema anapaswa kujua kuwa wao ni kupendana na kuweka maisha yao chini kwa mtu mwingine. Isitoshe, amri ya Yesu ina maana utume. Yeye anasema, "Kwa kila mtu watajua kwamba ninyi ni wanafunzi wangu, mkiwa na upendo ninyi kwa ninyi." Kwa nini wanafunzi wa kuwa na wasiwasi kwamba wengine kujua kwamba wao ni wanafunzi wake ila ni kuendelea ujumbe wake - Ryan Quanstrom (2016)?

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Love Without Limit

JOHN 13:1-15

Jesus, though conscious of His own greatness, thus humbled Himself. He laid aside His garments, that part of them which would have hindered Him in His service. If thou dost not submit to My will, thou hast no part with Me. Thou art not My disciple. In every way possible, we are to assist each other in attaining purity; to perform all sorts of good offices to each other, even those of the lowest kind, when opportunity serves, and the necessity of any calls for them — John Wesley (1754).

You must have the same attitude as Christ Jesus. Though He was God, He did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, He gave up His divine privileges; took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. Philippians 2:5-7

Working on a larger level, however, this discourse ought to remind us that Jesus has laid down His life for the disciples. As those who know how Jesus is going to be glorified, we know that Jesus' love and humility do not stop at servanthood. His love and humility reach to the point of death, even death on a cross. When Jesus tells the disciples they are to love one another as He has loved them, the early hearers should know that they are to love one another by laying their lives down for one another. What is more, Jesus' command contains a missional implication. He says, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Why should the disciples have concern that others know that they are his disciples except that they are to continue His mission - Ryan Quanstrom (2016)?

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THE STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY

mambo matatu kuelewa:

1) Yesu kutumika Pasaka na nafsi yake.

Yesu ni kondoo ya pasaka. Mwili wake, damu yake.

2) wakati wa Yesu ulikuwa umefika.

Pasaka, kuosha miguu, kusulubiwa.

3) Yesu Mchungaji kupendwa na alitoa maisha yake.

Aliwoka kando utukufu wake na aliwahi.

Kuosha miguu ilionyesha nani Mungu alikuwa na ni.

Yesu alitupa mfano wa kuiga.

Kufanana na Kristo anafanya kidogo, inakera, ngumu

mambo sisi kwa siri matumaini mtu mwingine kufanya.

Yesu anawapenda watu wakati amevaa ngozi yako.

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Three things to understand:

1) Jesus applied Passover to Himself.

Jesus is the Passover Lamb. His Body, His Blood.

2) Jesus' time had come.

Passover, the washing of feet, crucifixion.

3) Jesus the Shepherd loved and laid down His life.

He laid aside His glory and served.

Washing disciples feet showed Who God was and is.

Jesus gave us a pattern to copy.

Christ-likeness does the little, annoying, messy...

...things we secretly hope someone else will do.

Jesus walks around and loves while wearing your skin.