

Cross Walking: Do What He Did

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Last week we began our Cross Walking Adventure, 50 days of fervently following Jesus Christ. For 50 days we are going to love someone in some way every day in Jesus' name. Who did you get to love on in Jesus' name? What did you do for them? How did they feel? How did you feel?

We are becoming "Cross Walkers" because Jesus Christ commanded us to and modeled it for us as an example for us to follow. **Matthew 16:24** - *Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.*

Here again is our definition of Cross Walking:

"Daily dying to sin and selfishness so I can boldly serve others in Jesus' name out of passionate love for Him."

Galatians 2:20 - *I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

Cross Walking with Jesus Christ through John's Gospel

1. Jesus "Cross Walked" with absolute confidence in His Fathers' control and perfect timing in every aspect of His life, death and resurrection. So can we! **John 13:1-3** - *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. It was time for supper, and the devil had already prompted Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God.*

2. Jesus "Cross Walked" by humbly serving others in ways they would have never expected. He shocked his disciples by what he did for them and gave them an example of real leadership. He commands us to do what He did and promises that we will be blessed if we do. **John 13:4-17**

3. There are many ways to "wash" people's feet and serve them like Jesus did. One way is understanding how they best receive love and serve them in that way. You make the deepest deposits when you trade in their personal currency or love language.

Five Love Languages:

1. *Words of Affirmation*
2. *Gift Giving*
3. *Acts of Service*
4. *Quality Time*
5. *Physical Touch*

4. "Cross Walking" with Jesus may include betrayal and even desertion by those you love and serve, but keep loving and serving people anyway! Don't let disillusionment with people stop you from living to love and serve. **John 13:21-38**

5. Loving one another is how we get through hard times and prove to the world that Jesus is alive in us. As we do what He did He will bless our doing!

John 13:34-35 - *So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.*

John 13:17 - *You know these things—now do them! That is the path of blessing.*

Discussion Questions:

1. Who did you love this week in Jesus' name? What did you do? Was there any response? Watch the video for John 13 now and imagine what it would have been like for Jesus to wash your feet.
2. Why did Jesus do this? What did He want His disciples to learn? Have you ever washed anyone's feet? Review the 5 ways we can also wash people's feet by learning their love language.
3. Have you ever been hurt by those you've loved and served? How do we get over the hurt so we can keep on loving and serving as Jesus wants?