



# "Take A Towel" Theology

**The Text:** John 13:1-17 (*Page #1673 in the sanctuary Bible*)

**The Context:** Jesus and his twelve disciples have come to Jerusalem.

It is the last week of his life and Jesus will soon face the mock trail and the brutal crucifixion. They meet for a final meal together. The streets of Jerusalem were typically dusty and dirty. So it was a custom that a host greeted guests at the door and offered to have them wash their dirty feet. This was a lowly, undesirable job and often a hired servant would carry out this role.

- **John 13:3** Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; [4] so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. [5] After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

13:4 "took off" or "laid aside"— *same verb used of when Jesus laid down his life for us*

13:5 "towel" = a long apron-like cloth.

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The disciples should have...	
...realized:	...acted:

### **Related Scriptures:**

**John 13:34-35** A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. [35] By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

**Galatians 5:13** You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.

**1 Corinthians 12:7** Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

**James 2:17** In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

## **The lesson to remember:**

- **13:14** Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. [15] I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. [16] I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. [17] Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

## **What are we supposed to do?**



## **What are we doing?**

### **A Sinner's Prayer**

Lord, I am a sinner who has offended you. Please forgive me. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for my sins and I place my trust in Christ's sacrifice as the only way to be right with you. Thank you for loving me and coming into my heart. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**TAP** into the Bible. Read the short daily Scripture passage. Reflect on it for a few minutes, and then write short responses in the three boxes.

**T - key Truths** = Summary thoughts, principles to live by, observations to remember.

**A - practical Application** = How should I respond? What action can I take?

**P - my Prayer response** = My expression to God from what I am reading/thinking.

**NOTE:** *The assigned Scriptures for the TAP in this series are intentionally short so that we can read the passage several times and reflect thoughtfully as we write our responses.*

<b>Date:</b> Mon. Feb. 22	<b>The Scripture: John 13:1-17</b>
<b>t<sup>-key-</sup>truths</b>	
<b>a<sup>-practical-</sup>pplication</b>	
<b>p<sup>-my-</sup>Prayer response</b>	

<b>Date:</b> Tues. Feb. 23	<b>The Scripture: John 13:31-38</b>
<b>t<sup>-key-</sup>truths</b>	
<b>a<sup>-practical-</sup>pplication</b>	
<b>p<sup>-my-</sup>Prayer response</b>	

<b>Date:</b> Wed. Feb. 24	<b>The Scripture: Galatians 5:13-23</b>
<b>t<sup>-key-</sup>truths</b>	
<b>a<sup>-practical-</sup>pplication</b>	
<b>p<sup>-my-</sup>Prayer response</b>	

<b>Date:</b> Thur. Feb. 25	<b>The Scripture: James 2:14-18</b>
<b>t<sup>-key-</sup>truths</b>	
<b>a<sup>-practical-</sup>pplication</b>	
<b>p<sup>-my-</sup>Prayer response</b>	

<b>Date:</b> Fri. Feb. 26	<b>The Scripture: James 3:13-18</b>
<b>t<sup>-key-</sup>truths</b>	
<b>a<sup>-practical-</sup>pplication</b>	
<b>p<sup>-my-</sup>Prayer response</b>	

