

*Wyoming Baptist Church  
March - April 2021*

**Daily Devotional  
for Sermon Series**



*a study of the "one anothers" of Scripture*

**Week 6 : March 22 - 28**

The following series of daily readings, questions, and prayers has been designed by Pastor Tom Cullen to lead up to the sermon for the coming week. There are five daily studies for each week. Allow about 15 minutes a day to complete each daily devotional. This is not to take the place of any devotional you may now be doing but only is a supplement.

The weekly sermons can be heard at [wyomingbaptist.com](http://wyomingbaptist.com)

Each week's daily devotional guide is also available online at [wyomingbaptist.com](http://wyomingbaptist.com)

Sermon Schedule  
*Members of one another*

March 28 – Serve one another (John 13:1-17)

April 4 – Easter Sunday - What difference does the resurrection make? (1 Corinthians 15:12-22)

April 11 – Pray for one another (James 5:16)

April 18 – Be united with one another (Ephesians 4:1-16)

April 25 – Encourage one another (Hebrews 10:19-25)

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Wyoming Baptist Church Winter 2021

## Sermon Series Devotional Guide

# Members of one another

*a study of the "one anothers"*

### "Serve one another"

A W. Tozer has said that real Christians are a bit odd. Think about it. A real Christian is one who empties himself or herself in order to be full, admits they are wrong so they can be declared right, goes down in order to get up, is strongest when they are weakest and richest when they are poorest. A real Christian dies so he/she can live, forsakes in order to have and gives away so they can keep". And we could add, that a real Christian is further an oddity because they are people who are set free in order to be a servant.

I'll admit it sounds a bit strange but it is part of the glorious truth of the gospel, we have been set free so that we can serve.

Sometimes, our service toward one another comes hard because have failed to realize that we are free to serve. You may have fallen under the law of "I have to". Do you know this law? It's characterized by the following statements ... "I have to serve because no one else will." "I have to serve, what will God think if I don't?" "I have to serve I'm a Christian." "I have to serve it's what God has ordered."

Like children commanded to clean our rooms we may serve but we don't like it and we won't do it again when the opportunity arises because it is a burden and a chore. The law of, "I have to"

And what we need to realize is that we are free to serve. It makes all the difference. This week I pray that we would

discover a freshness to serve one another and a new lasting motivation.

Before you begin the study this week, ask God to show you the truth of service in his Kingdom and that you would be released from any wrong thinking and attitudes.

**Monday March 22**

**Read**

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❖ John 13:1-11

**Study**

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1. According to verses 1, 3 and 11 what does Jesus know? How does that make Jesus' actions all the more astounding?

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2. What is Jesus demonstrating here? (13:1b) How would you characterize it?

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3. Why does Peter refuse Jesus' offer to wash his feet? What is Jesus' attitude toward Peter's refusal? Why is Jesus able to cleanse like no other (*verse 8b*)?

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4. Jesus says to Peter, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean." (*verse 10 a*)  
Write that verse in your own words.

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### Pray

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- ❖ Pray back to God Psalm 141:1-4. Read it slowly over and over again until it is your own prayer to God. Imagine your prayer being a sweet fragrance to God.

*For our church:*

- ❖ God's Word makes us this promise: "*The Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.*" (Psalm 100:5) Pray that truth would be realized in Deacon Miriam's life as she leads our finance and legal team.
- ❖ Pray for those who are members of our finance and legal team. Ask that God will lead them in the decisions they make and the policies they help create.

**Tuesday March 23**

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### Read

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- ❖ John 13:13-17

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### Study

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1. How would you have responded to Jesus' question at verse 12?

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2. What does Jesus say is the motivation for us to wash another's feet?

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3. What do you think ... is Jesus speaking literally or metaphorically in verse 14? If metaphorically, what would washing another's feet look like, practically speaking?

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4. What kind of blessing would you receive from "doing these things"? (verse 17)

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### **Reflect**

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❖ How has another "washed your feet?"

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## Pray

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*For our church:*

- ❖ Some of our members sadly, have had their spouse pass away during the last 5 years. Call them to mind as you pray and ask that they would know the truth of God's promise in Isaiah 43:2, *"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze."*
- ❖ Pray for those who are going through cancer treatment. Ask that they may know this promise realized in their lives, *"He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength."* (Isaiah 40:29-31)
- ❖ Loneliness is a real and pressing problem for many during this pandemic. Pray that they would know God's presence in their lives in a real and powerful way.

**Wednesday March 24**

## Read

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- ❖ Galatians 5:13

## Study

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1. Besides sin and death what you think the cross of Christ sets us free from?
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2. Read Romans 6:1. What abuse does the text imply can arise because of grace? Can you think of other errors that may arise a given our text in Galatians?

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3. "The flesh" does not refer to the physical body in this case. It is a phrase that speaks of any action that does not seek to depend on the Holy Spirit or desire to glorify the person of Jesus Christ. I see it as a way to speak of the selfish self, the part of you that does not want to glorify God, but self. How could we use our freedom to indulge self?

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4. According to this verse, how is our love for one another to be characterized?

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### **Reflect**

Have you ever been served humbly in love? When? How did that inspire you to serve others?



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## Pray

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*For our church:*

- ❖ It has been our practice throughout this study to pray for our pastoral search team on Wednesdays. Today we continue the habit. In Isaiah 55:11 the people of God are given this promise, *"The Lord will guide you always."* Bring the team to God in prayer today and ask that this promise will be real to them as they discuss, pray and consider candidates for this important position.

**Thursday March 25**

## Read

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- ❖ Galatians 5:22-26
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## Study

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1. Fruit is what results when a branch is attached to (or abiding in) a vine. Look at what the text says in verses 22-23 is the result of you abiding in Christ and allowing the Holy Spirit to work (Galatians 5:16) in your life. Would you say this is a reality for you? Why or why not?
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2. What has happened to you because you now belong to Christ? (verse 24) Is that a present reality for you?

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3. What does verse 26 say is the result of keeping in step with the Spirit? Why is this a result?

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## Pray

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*For our church:*

- ❖ Pray for those who are newly married in our congregation (last 5 years). Ask the Lord that they would have the commitment of Joshua, *"As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."* (Joshua 24:15) and know the reality of this promise, *".. my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."* (Philippians 4:19 )

**Friday March 26**

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## Read

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- ❖ Mark 8:34-35

## Study

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1. What demand is made of Christ's disciples?

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2. What do Jesus' words look like practically?

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3. How does this call impact you?

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4. How does this call impact us as a church?

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## Reflect

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- ❖ For some time I believed that Jesus was speaking about my actual life. His call, I thought, was to be willing to die for him. But then it struck me, that probably won't be required of me. No, what Jesus is calling us to here ... is to die to everything in life that makes for life for us. And each one of us needs to think what that is for ourselves. It may be your children, your work, your home, it could even be the church. Whatever makes for life for you ... outside of Christ ... you need to lose it and allow Christ to crucify it.

## Pray

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- ❖ Is there something in your life that you need to allow Christ to crucify? Is there something or some attitude that you are allowing to take the place of Christ in your life? Offer it to God.

*For our church:*

- ❖ Jesus promises us that we “*shall see greater things than these.*” (John 1:50) Pray this promise for those who help look after the children’s ministry in our church. Pray that they will see even greater things as the children recognize Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord.
- ❖ Pray for our local food bank ministry. Pray that we will truly seek to help the poor and the needy by giving not only food but ourselves.