

# appnotes

## DAY 1

### READ JOHN 13:5-20

Have you ever watched that show “Dirty Jobs”? In the show, host Mike Rowe works some of the toughest, messiest jobs on the planet. His resume contains a laundry list of crazy jobs like Shark Repellent Tester, Road Kill Remover, and Hot Tar Roofer. I bet if we were to choose our job placement we would choose something a little less messy and whole lot more lucrative. That’s what makes Jesus’ actions in today’s passage so astounding. The only One worthy of the most prominent and posh position took on the role of a servant and washed the dirty feet of grown men. The point is in verse 14, “Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet.” We are never more like Jesus than when we are serving.

## DAY 2

### READ ROMANS 12:1-8

Scrooge McDuck has the worst imagination in the cartoon world! Do you remember McDuck? He was that uber-rich cartoon duck that dove into oceans of money and counted coins all day. Today’s passage has incredible news for every follower of Jesus. God has given you a rich gift to use for His glory and the good of others. Verse six says, “Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly.” When it comes to the cause of Christ, everyone has a different piece of the puzzle and the puzzle is not complete without all the pieces. That means what you have to offer matters to His mission. Can you imagine the thousands of lives that will be changed when we all step up to serve together?

## DAY 3

### READ LUKE 21:1-4

Why would a poor widow give her last couple coins to charity? She is charity! Jesus compared her gift to all the gifts of the rich and concluded that she gave more. Jesus wasn’t counting the total given but the proportion withheld. The rich held back but she took all she had to live on and gave it away. Why would someone do that? Because giving sacrificially is the result of seeing spiritually. Those who have much have much to block their vision. This woman is an example of what we are happy to give when we grasp the desperate need of those around us. She had the courage to live in the greater story God is telling. Will you?

## DAY READ 1 PETER 4:7-11

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If your life were a toolbox, what tools would we find inside? Would we find a hammer of helping? Is there a chisel of wise confronting? Has God given you an ability to encourage others? You could be a broad and deep knowledge of sports, an affinity for tech, or a way with words. God fills your toolbox for the job He has for you. Are the tools rusty, dusty, or forgotten? Are you having trouble imagining how your tools can be used for the cause of Christ? Try this: ask three people who know you well where you excel. Then take some time to ask God how He wants you to use the tools He's given you.

## DAY READ JOHN 21:1-25

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Have you given up on serving in the church? Peter had a really good run of ministry for a few years before he dropped out and went back to his life before Jesus. That's when Jesus shows up to set things straight. What does Jesus have to say to ministry dropouts? "I know about what happened and I still want you on my team." No matter why you gave up, Jesus has not given up on you. Jesus calls Peter out of retirement and off the bench. Peter's past was a powerful motivation for the rest of his life, because those who have been forgiven much, love much (see Luke 7:41-47). No matter where you have been, there is no telling where you can go if you will say "Yes" to God and start serving again.

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