

A MACEDONIAN MOMENT – PRIESTLY SERVICE

Seven steps to priestly service. (John13:1-7)

¹ *It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.* ² *The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.* 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.* ⁶ *He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"* ⁷ *Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."*

- A. Priestly death / In Priestly service, death proceeds service.
(*"Jesus knew that the hour had come..."*)
- B. Priestly loyalty /In Priestly service, loyalty is essential.
(*"...He loved them to the end."*)
- C. Priestly betrayal / In priestly service, betrayal is inevitable.
(*"...the devil had already prompted Judas..."*)
- D. Priestly identity / In priestly service, security of identity is imperative. (*"...He had come from God and was returning to God;"*)

- E. Priestly inconvenience / In priestly service, inconvenience is certain. (“...so He got up from the meal...”)
- F. Priestly hiddenness / Priestly service always involves being willing to look less than you are. (“...so he got up from the meal... and wrapped a towel around his waist.”)
- G. Priestly intentionality/ Priestly service must be done. (“After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet...”)