Our scripture comes from John 13:13-17. While you’re finding that, A lawyer phoned the governor's mansion after midnight. "I need to talk to the governor. It’s an emergency!" Finally, the governor's assistant went to wake him up. The governor came to the phone and asked, "What’s so important that it can't wait until morning?" The lawyer replied, “Judge Pierson just died, and I want to take his place.” The governor replied, "It's okay with me if it's okay with the funeral home."

**John 13:13-17 13You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for *so* I am. 14If I then, *your* Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. 15For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. 16Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. 17If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.**

Our Savior is a hands-on Savior. Our Faith is a hands-on Faith. Our walk is about the things we study in the Bible, hear in church, and receive during prayer and meditation – and applying these lessons to the life we live day by day. Never forget, Jesus could heal people with a word; yet, He chose to touch. He could’ve demanded all come to Him; yet, He chose to travel among the people. He could’ve remained in Heaven; yet, He lowered Himself to live among us. The Master became Servant to teach the servants how to serve.

 Just prior to the scripture that we’re studying now, Jesus got on His knees and washed the feet of the disciples. In Luke 22, we know that these same disciples had been arguing just minutes earlier about which was the greatest. We also know that Jesus knew His betrayer and that betrayer sits and feels the water on his feet and the hands of the One he would soon betray rubbing the filth from the soles. Jesus knew and He still loved Judas. Jesus action demonstrates love, humility, and hospitality. Make no mistake – every apostle sitting there was a sinner!

 In verses 14 & 15, we read - **If I then, *your* Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. 15For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.** Jesus has given us all an example – not just in the washing of the feet, but in how He sought lost souls throughout His earthly ministry! His search is not tinted with judgement or condemnation. His search is not lined with hate or discrimination. He doesn’t spend any time sorting the sheep between good and bad. He seeks with the same heart that He washed feet with, even the feet of His betrayer – a heart of love, humility, and hospitality.

 He is the Potter. We are the clay. He is Creator. We are created. He says in verse 16 - **Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him.**The servant that Jesus sends out, be it 2000 years ago or today, is not above the Master. The Master went among the people with love, humility, and a seeking-welcoming spirit. He encountered then just what we encounter today. There’s nothing new under the sun. We encounter stealing, murder, sexual immorality, corrupt politicians, and all manner of sin throughout the Old Testament just as we do today. I have to believe that Jesus encountered the same things we face today! The sin was the same only the names have changed! The good news is that the cure’s the same… and that Name has never changed – Wonderful, Counselor, Prince of Peace, Lord of lords – Jesus.

 In verse 17, Jesus says this - **17If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.** In our world today, there are many who know a lot about Jesus. They know what Jesus taught, where He walked, who He said He was. They know the Bible stories. The question is not about how much we know about Jesus. The question is how do we apply what we know about Jesus?

There was a barn I used to drive by on my way to Pennsylvania. I drove by it many, many times and never saw it. Then, on one trip, I saw it - bright and red - standing at the edge of the field. The truth was obvious – Someone had obtained gallons and gallons of red paint. But that barn remained gray and unseen until the paint was applied! Once applied, that barn stood out for all to see – it couldn’t be missed! When we apply the teachings of Jesus to our lives, we shine… we can’t be missed – like a city of a hill, a lamp on a lampstand – shining for all to see.

Jesus doesn’t say – blessed are you if you know a whole lot about Me and never do anything with it. He says If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. James 1:22 says But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. There are people in churches all over this country right now who have deceived themselves – hearers, not doers.

How do we follow the example of Jesus? We visit the sick, the widow, the orphan. We seek the lost in all we do. In everything, we serve Jesus. When we mow a yard, fix a car or encourage a parent, we do it in service to Jesus. When we deal with that unpleasant boss or difficult co-worker, we do it in service to Jesus. When we help the poor, the addicted, or the haughty, we do it in service to Jesus. No matter the skin color, sexuality, or country of origin, we do it all in service to Jesus. We do it in service to Him as He would have done it Himself – with Love unbounded, Humility unlimited, and Hospitality that calls all to come and enter the Kingdom of God. He’s calling? If you’ve never answered, I beg you - answer today.