"Coverage" (3)

"Ibove all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins."

(1 Peter 4:8)

Preferential Treatment

Mark 10:45 — "For even the Son of Man came <u>not to be served but to serve</u>, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Acts 10:38 — "...God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

<u>Romans 12:10</u> – "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour <u>preferring one another</u>;" (KJV)

<u>Philippians 2:3-4</u> - (3) "Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility <u>count others more significant than yourselves</u>. (4) Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."

Take Up the Towel

John 13:3-5, 12-15 — (3) "Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, (4) rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. (5) Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. (12) When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, 'Do you understand what I have done to you? (13) You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. (14) If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. (15) For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you."

Key Point: Christ commissioned us to Clean & Cover One Another

<u>Luke 22:24-26</u> – (24) "A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. (25) And he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. (26) But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the <u>leader as one who serves</u>."

How do we clean & cover one another? Conduct Spiritual MRI's (1) M "Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." (1 Peter 4:8-11) (2) R "My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a

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multitude of sins." (James 5:19-20)

"If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and God will give him life—to those who commit sins that do not lead to death. There is sin that leads to death; I do not say that one should pray for that." (I John 5:16)

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

Am I my brother's Keeper? (Gen. 4:9; Acts 2:44-47, 4:32-34; Gal. 5:13; Rom. 12:10, 13, 15-16)

Am I intentionally seeking to add value to other people's lives, particularly in the Body of Christ? (Gal. 6:10)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)