

## “A Life Worthy of the Calling We’ve Received”

Stories of Jesus being...

1. Humble: John 13: 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.”**

2. Gentle: John 8:3 The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group 4 and said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. 5 the Law of Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” Jesus said to them, **“Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”** 9 those who heard began to go away one at a time, only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. 10 Jesus asked her, **“Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”** 11 “No one, sir,” she said. **“Then neither do I condemn you,”** Jesus declared. **“Go now and leave your life of sin.”**

3. Patient, Bearing with others in Love: In John 4, Jesus and disciples met the “Samaritan Woman” at the well. The Twelve were influenced by racism or sexism, but Jesus told them: **“I have food to eat you know nothing about.”** Jesus had to exercise patience to instruct them about God’s redemptive plan for ALL people.

In Matthew 20, James, John and their mother came and tried to corner the leadership market. Jesus didn’t throw them out – he just told them the truth: that He submitted to the Father’s plan and trusted God; and they should too. He was patient with His disciples, bearing with them in love.

We are studying about “living a life worthy of the calling we have received.” Paul in Ephesians 4:1-2 writes 3 characteristics that are a major part of that. To have a legacy worth carrying on we first need a worthy life to follow. Jesus is that worthy life and it’s only fitting and right for us to live a life worthy of the calling He gave us. We are broken people, yet Jesus is humble, gentle and patient towards us, like he was with His disciples then. But Jesus, not only came to save us, but change us, to be like Him, to live the worthy life. We don’t and won’t always get it right, that’s why these qualities are essential. Jesus makes us whole by grace and also empowers us through His Spirit in us to live the gospel worthy life. May we draw near to Him, be humble, gentle and patient, and be committed to letting Him grow us in these areas. He is worthy and the legacy He leaves us to live as His body is worthy. Let us live a life worthy of the calling we’ve received. – Paul Fletcher 12/27/20