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Jn 13:1-15

When we meet new people, I think we subconsciously and very quickly pass some type of judgment on them. I'm not talking about things like judging their character or whether or not they are a good or a bad person. I'm saying that after a few brief meetings, or maybe even moments, we've already decided whether or not this is a person we'd like to get to know better. Or are they a person we'll be happy to consider just another new acquaintance?

We've already drawn a relationship line with them that is comfortable for us. And once we do that with someone, that line very rarely changes.

Unfortunately, I think many of us have done that with God, too. We long ago established boundary lines of what we will and won't do for God. We convince ourselves that we are spiritually sound, and we become comfortable with where we're at.

Well today, Jesus is telling us not to draw those lines, not to become stagnant and remain within our self-drawn boundaries. Then he does the unthinkable.

The Lord of Lords ... The King of Kings ... our Creator ... actually bows down and washes the feet of his creatures. Amazing!

Jesus drew no lines. He had no boundaries. He went to places no one else dared to go. He looked for the sick. He sought out the sinner, and he reached out to those who were on the margin of society.

As a model for us to follow, he humbled himself by performing the most menial of tasks. Jesus bowed down and washed the feet of his people. What about you?

**Reflection questions:**

If Sunday Mass was a weekly spiritual checkup, are you doing better this week than you were last week?

Are you comfortable with your relationship with God, or are you confident with your relationship with God?

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