



Message Outline

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John 15:13-15

From Servants to Friends

Series: Life on the Vine

"I no longer call you servants.... Instead, I have called you friends."

SERVANT MINDSET (*Duty-driven*)

John 13:15-17

- I live for you
- I obey what you say
- I don't need to understand why

Which can drift into:

Fear-based Spirituality & Outward Performance

FRIEND MINDSET (*Love-motivated*)

- I live for You because you gave Your life for me .

John 15:13

- I obey what You say because I'm grounded in Your love .

John 15:14

- I don't need to understand everything because you have revealed Your heart.

John 15:15

Which will lead to:

Love-based Spirituality & Inner Transformation



Questions for Further Discussion

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1. What's a job, chore, or responsibility you did growing up that you definitely questioned ... but still had to obey anyway? Did you ever later discover that there was actually a good reason behind it?
2. When you think about Christianity what naturally comes to mind first: duty, rules, closeness, friendship, pressure, comfort, performance, love, something else?
3. Read John 15:13-15 and review the sermon outline. What stood out to you from the Sunday message?
4. Why do you think many believers drift toward a servant mindset instead of a friendship mindset with Jesus?
5. Are there aspects of the Christian life where thinking of ourselves as servants is preferred over friends? Or is friendship with Jesus always better?
6. What "servant mentality" thinking about God do you need to abandon in favor of friendship intimacy?
7. Read John 15:13 again. How does Jesus laying down His life for us reshape the motivation behind obedience?
8. What's the difference between "*I have to obey God so He'll accept me*" and "*I want to obey because I'm already loved*" ? How might those two approaches affect a person differently over time?
9. Jesus says in John 15:15 that He has made known to us what He heard from the Father. What do you think it means that Jesus has revealed His heart to us, even if we don't understand everything?