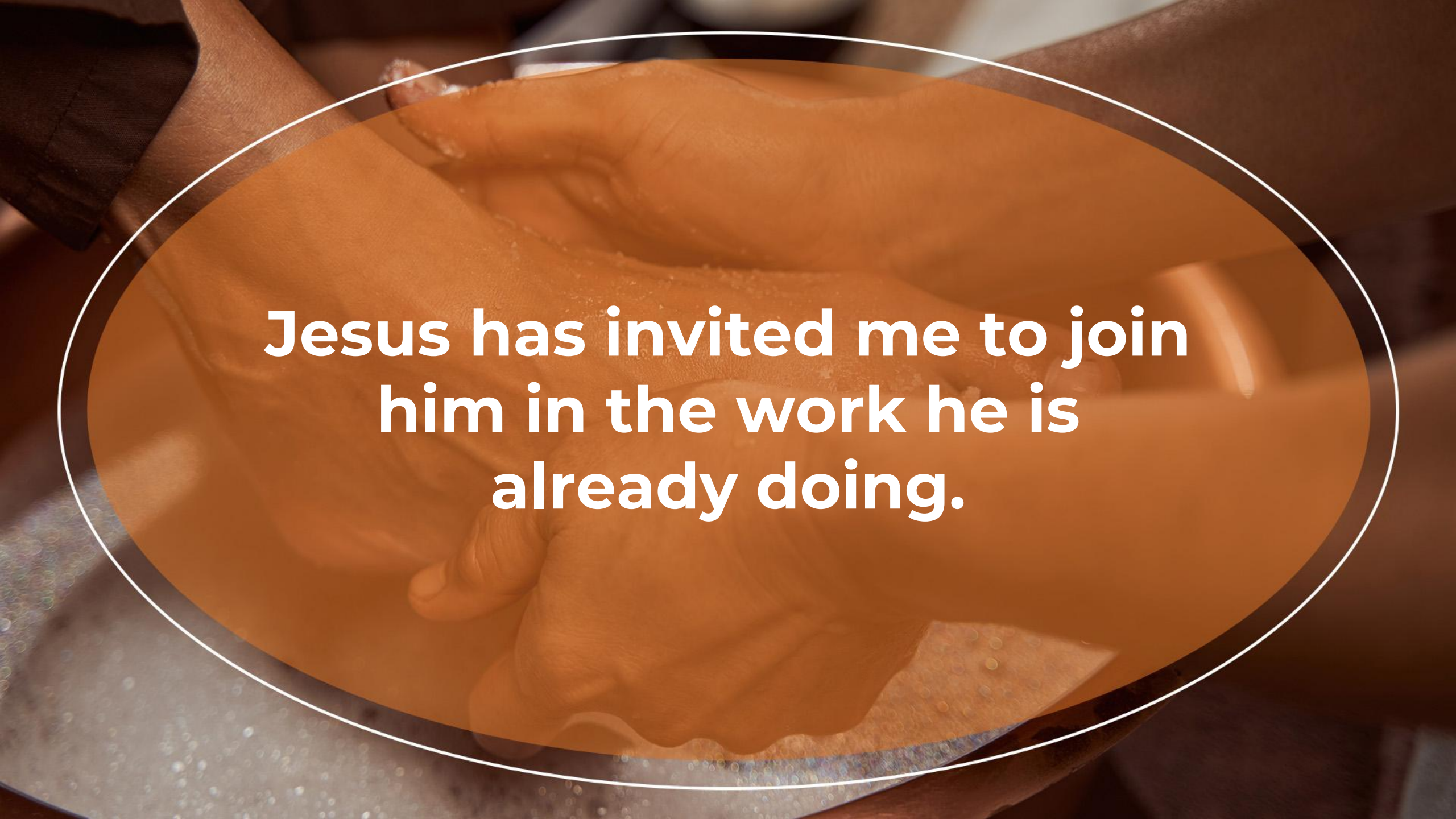

Why?




WHY
Serve?


Jesus has invited me to join him in the work he is already doing.



Ephesians 4:11–16

11 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the
prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and
teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of
service, so that the body of Christ may be
built up 13 until we all reach unity in the
faith and in the knowledge of the Son of
God and become mature, attaining to the
whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed
back and forth by the waves, and blown here
and there by every wind of teaching and by
the cunning and craftiness of people in their
deceitful scheming. 15 Instead, speaking the
truth in love, we will grow to become in every
respect the mature body of him who is the
head, that is, Christ. 16 From him the whole
body, joined and held together by every
supporting ligament, grows and builds itself
up in love, as each part does its work.


We love others out of the overflow of the love Jesus has for us.








Before comparing yourself
with someone else, consider
what he has given you.



Where could you begin?

What do you notice or care about?

What could you offer?

Who could you serve alongside?

Ask someone:
“Where have you seen me strengthen others?”


When we serve, we join Jesus in caring for people he loves



Philippians 2:3–4

“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.”

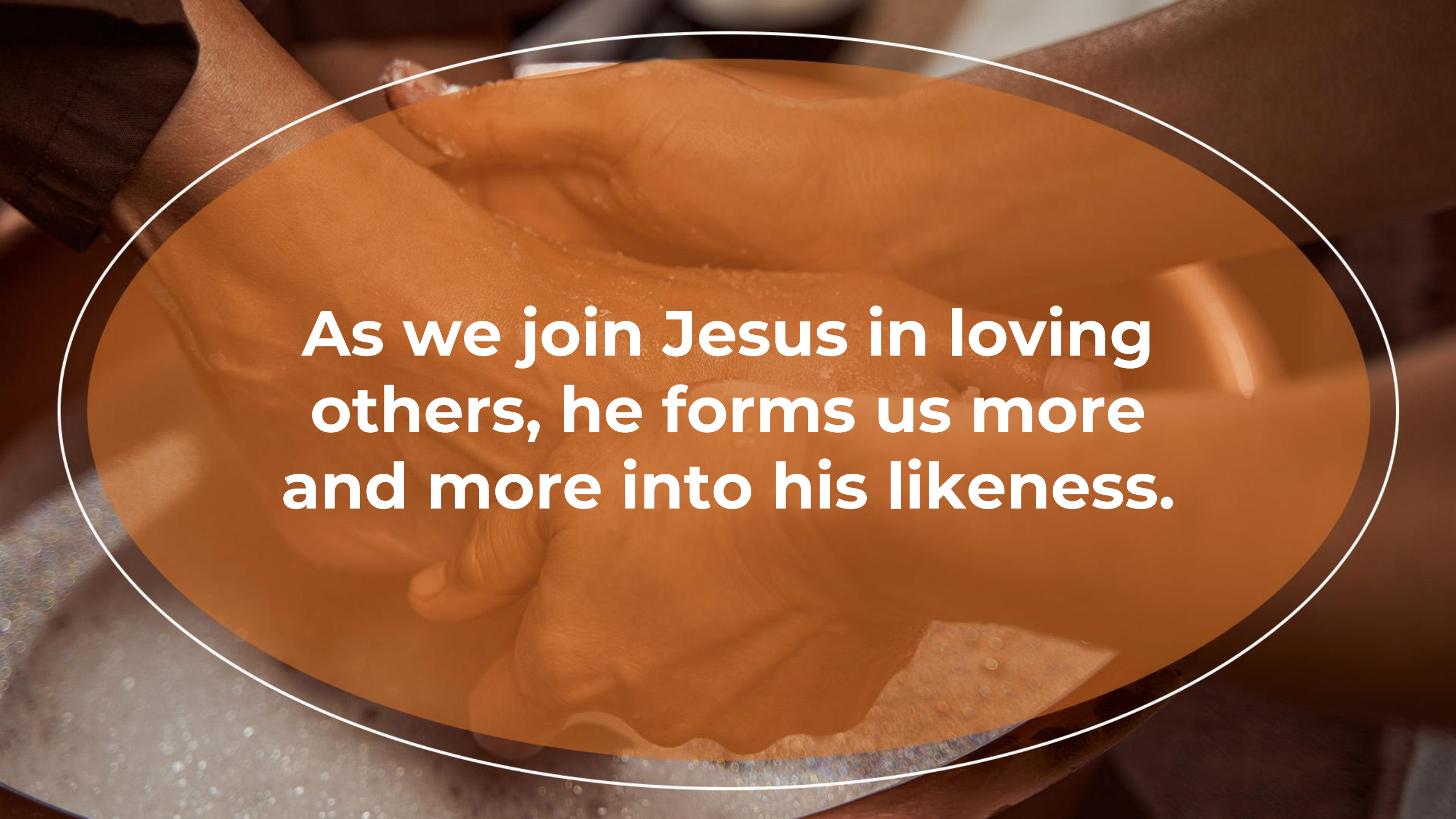



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Temperatures





Through ordinary acts of faithful service, offered out of love for Jesus and for people, we get to participate in his transforming work.

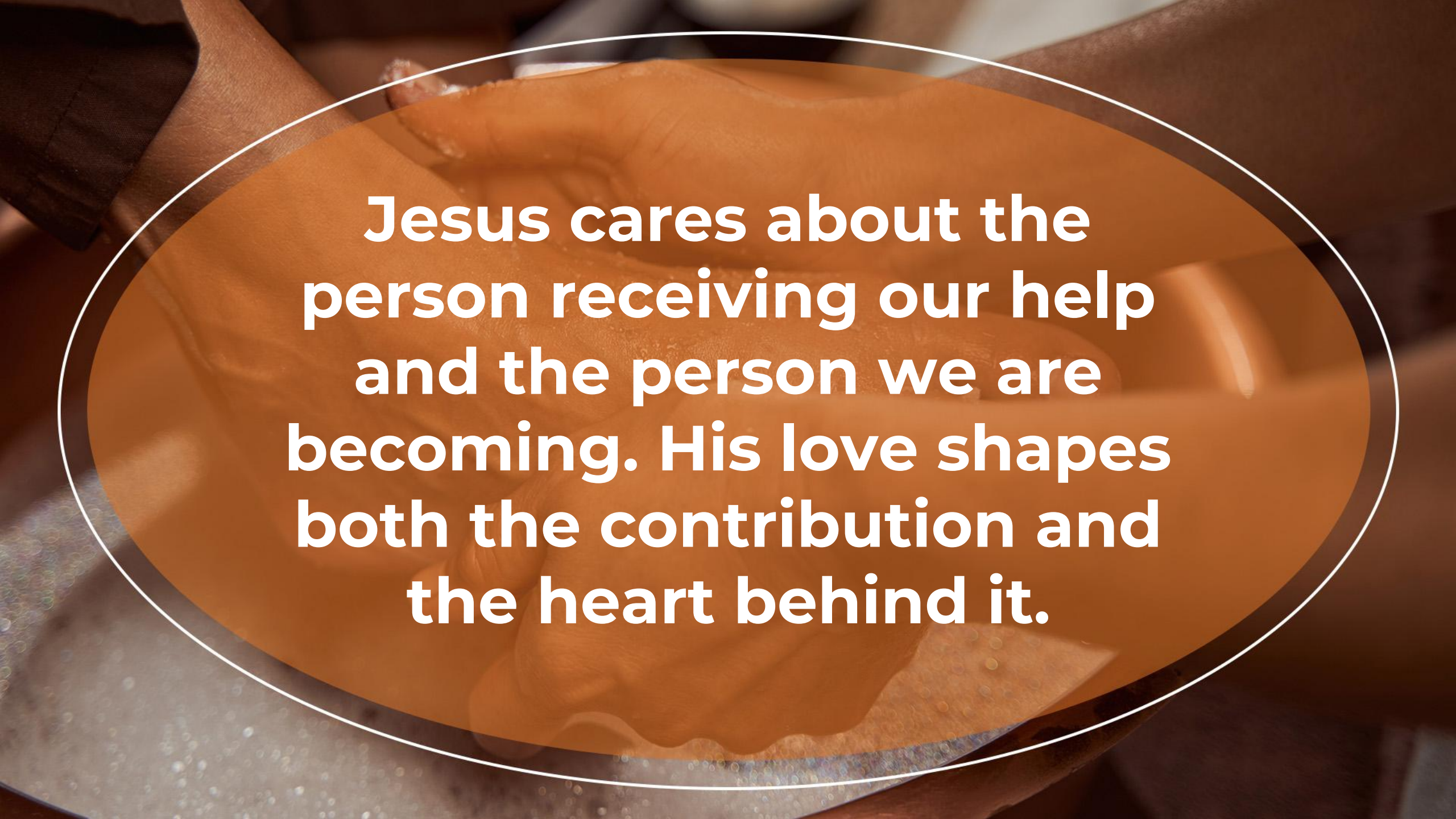

As we join Jesus in loving others, he forms us more and more into his likeness.



Philippians 3:12:

“Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.”




Jesus cares about the person receiving our help and the person we are becoming. His love shapes both the contribution and the heart behind it.



Who is asking questions about Jesus? Could you make time to explore those questions together?

Where do you see someone growing? Could your encouragement or experience help them take their next step?



Whose circumstances keep coming to your attention? Could you listen, offer help or share a responsibility?

Where are others already serving in ways that reflect Jesus' love? Could you join them and bring what God has given you?



SERMON RESOURCES