




GET IN 
THE CURRENT


A high-angle, first-person perspective shot of a person's feet standing on a rustic wooden log bridge. The person is wearing blue sneakers with yellow laces and black socks. The bridge is made of several weathered logs laid across a river. The water is dark and turbulent, with white foam from rapids visible. The background is a dense, dark forest. The overall mood is adventurous and challenging.

I. GET IN THE CURRENT
OF GREATNESS.

A high-angle, close-up photograph of a person's feet wearing blue and yellow sneakers, standing on a weathered wooden plank. The plank is part of a rustic wooden bridge or walkway over a stream. The water is dark and rippling, and the surrounding environment is dimly lit, suggesting a forest or a shaded area. The overall mood is contemplative and grounded.

¹¹ The greatest among you must be a servant. ¹² But those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

MATTHEW 23:11-12 NLT




NORMALLY, PEOPLE ESTIMATE
GREATNESS BY HOW MANY PEOPLE
SERVE AND HONOR **THEM**.

JESUS REMINDED HIS FOLLOWERS
THAT IN HIS KINGDOM IT SHOULD BE
DIFFERENT, AND THAT WE SHOULD
ESTIMATE **GREATNESS** BY HOW WE
SERVE AND HONOR **OTHERS**.


A first-person perspective shot of someone walking across a rustic wooden plank bridge. The bridge is made of several weathered, greyish-brown logs laid across a river. The water is dark and turbulent, with white foam from rapids visible. The person's feet, wearing blue and yellow sneakers, are in the lower-left foreground. The background is a dark, textured wall, possibly a cave or a stone wall, which is the backdrop for the text.

II. FOLLOWING JESUS' STEPS
TO GREATNESS.

A photograph showing a person's feet wearing blue and yellow sneakers, standing on a wooden plank that spans a stream. The water is dark and rippling. The background is a dark, textured wall.


¹ Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that his hour had come to leave this world and return to his Father. He had loved his disciples during his ministry on earth, and now he loved them to the very

JOHN 13:1-5 NLT

A person's feet wearing blue and yellow sneakers are visible on the left side of the image, standing on a wooden plank that spans over a stream. The background is a dark, textured wall.

end. ² It was time for supper, and the devil had already prompted Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to

JOHN 13:1-5 NLT

A photograph showing a person's feet wearing blue and yellow sneakers, standing on a wooden plank that spans over a stream. The water is dark and flowing. The background is a dark, textured wall.

God. ⁴ So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, ⁵ and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him.

JOHN 13:1-5 NLT



JESUS UNDERSTOOD THE TIME.

Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that his hour had come to leave this world and return to his Father.

JOHN 13:1A NLT



JESUS UNDERSTOOD HOW
TO LOVE DEEPLY.

He had loved his disciples during his ministry on earth, and now he loved them to the very end.

JOHN 13:1B NLT



**JESUS UNDERSTOOD HE NEEDED
TO SERVE EVERYONE.**

² It was time for supper, and the devil had already prompted Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.

JOHN 13:2 NLT



JESUS UNDERSTOOD WHO HE WAS.

³ Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God.

JOHN 13:3 NLT

A photograph showing a person's feet wearing blue and yellow sneakers, standing on a wooden plank that spans over a stream. The water is dark and the surrounding environment appears to be a forest or a natural setting.

JESUS UNDERSTOOD HE HAD
TO LEAVE A PLACE
OF REST AND COMFORT.

⁴ So he got up from the table,

JOHN 13:4A NLT



JESUS UNDERSTOOD THE
IMPORTANCE OF **PREPARING.**

...took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, ⁵ and poured water into a basin.


JOHN 13:4B-5A NLT



JESUS UNDERSTOOD HE
NEEDED TO GET HIS
HANDS DIRTY.


Then he began to wash the
disciples' feet, drying them with
the towel he had around him.

JOHN 13:5B NLT

A close-up, high-angle shot of a person's feet wearing blue and yellow sneakers, standing on a weathered wooden plank. The background is a dark, textured wall.

¹² After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, “Do you understand what I was doing? ¹³ You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and you are right, because that’s what I am. ¹⁴ And

JOHN 13:12-15 NLT

A person's feet, wearing blue and yellow sneakers, are visible on the left side of the image, standing on a wooden plank that spans over a stream. The water in the stream is dark and turbulent. The background is a dark, textured wall.

since I, your Lord and Teacher,
have washed your feet, you
ought to wash each other's
feet. ¹⁵ I have given you an
example to follow. Do as I have
done to you.”

JOHN 13:12-15 NLT

A high-angle, first-person perspective shot of a person's feet wearing blue and yellow sneakers, standing on a rustic wooden log bridge. The bridge is made of several large, weathered logs laid across a river. The water is dark and turbulent, with white foam from rapids visible. The background is a dark, rocky riverbank. The overall mood is adventurous and challenging.

III. 3 THINGS WE CAN
START TODAY TO GET
INTO THE CURRENT
OF GREATNESS.



DESIRE A **TOWEL**
NOT A **TITLE**.

⁴⁵ “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

MARK 10:45 NLT



SERVING STARTS WITH
THOSE CLOSEST TO YOU.

⁸ But those who won't care for their relatives, especially those in their own household, have denied the true faith. Such people are worse than unbelievers.

1 TIMOTHY 5:8 NLT



AS WE **GROW** IN THE LORD,
WE **GROW** IN OUR SERVICE.

¹⁰ God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

1 PETER 4:10 NLT