

Friday, December 13

READ Luke 22: 14-30

"I am among you as one who serves."

The irony in Luke's story of the Lord's Supper is the fact that the disciples hadn't a clue about what was really going to happen. As Jesus tried to prepare them for his trial and death, they were busily arguing among themselves about who of them was the most important to the kingdom that was coming. They just didn't get it. And so, one more time Jesus tells them that among his followers the greatest man is the best servant. This is so because of what Jesus was himself.

I had a Christian friend who embodied this truth. He was a brilliant university professor of mathematics. He was also a skilled cabinet maker. So, whenever there was a job around our church which required the services of a carpenter, we would send for Dr. Long; and this busy, talented intellectual would appear with his tools and fix things. He never minded being called on; in fact, he made it clear that what he would have minded was *not* being called on. One of the church Elders said of him, "It's not hard to figure out Dr. Long; after all, his Master was a carpenter too."

We have people like that in our own congregation. They teach the classes, toil over the budget, cook the suppers, collect for the needy, keep the records, and use their special training in hours and hours of unpaid labor. They don't ask to be more important than the rest of us; as scripture says, they already have their reward. Yet, we do need to recognize them, not for their sake, but for our own. Because to see them is to see the Master.

Prayer: Father, we are so grateful for your servants among us. Please help us to follow their example. Amen.

Dear Lynn,

There weren't any extra copies of our Advent booklet this year, so here is the relevant page from the ms.

I love you!

(note from her)
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Jones