

“A New Commandment”

John 13:16-35

Intro: The difficulty with ‘new’

Love in Submission

- Jesus’ demonstration of submission – servanthood
 - **Phil. 2:7**

- Disciples’ desire for position

- Our own struggle with pride in position
 - The Samuel Logan Brengle in all of us...

'In 1878 when William Booth's Salvation Army had just been so named, men from all over the world began to enlist. One man, who had once dreamed of himself as a bishop, crossed the Atlantic from America to England to enlist. He was a Methodist minister, Samuel Logan Brengle. And now he turned from a fine pastorate to join Booth's Salvation Army. Brengle later became the Army's first American-born commissioner. But at first Booth accepted his services reluctantly and grudgingly. Booth said to Brengle, "You've been your own boss too long." And in order to instill humility into Brengle, he set him to work cleaning the boots of the other trainees. And Brengle said to himself, "Have I followed my own fancy across the Atlantic in order to black boots?" And then as in a vision he saw Jesus bending over the feet of rough, unlettered fishermen. "Lord," he whispered, "You washed their feet: I will black their boots."

Quoted in *John*, **Kent Hughes**

Love in Opposition

- Jesus' demonstration of love to Judas

- Jesus pronounced absence of judgment in that moment

- The subtle presence of judgment in our lives
 - Evidences Personally

 - Evidences Corporately

The sin of judgmentalism is one of the most subtle of our 'respectable' sins because it is often practiced under the guise of being zealous for what is right. It's obvious that within our conservative evangelical circles there are myriads of opinions on everything from theology to conduct to lifestyle and politics. Not only are there multiple opinions but we usually assume our opinion is correct. That's where our trouble with judgmentalism begins. We equate our opinions with truth.

Jerry Bridges, *Respectable Sins*

- Pronounced love

Love in Mission

- Signed with Love