







Painted in 1851 by German artist Emanuel Leutze, in Dusseldorf Germany.



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Advent 2023, Week #4 - Christmas Eve



1 Love is a verb (1 Cor. 13:4-8)

Only *actions* are listed here; no *feelings* are listed



2 God loved first (1 John 4:10)
He *chose* to love (Eph. 1:4)

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Though it wasn't merited, and though we were his enemies

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He *planned* to love (Eph. 1:5)

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He determined ahead of time to love, not to punish (John 3:16-17)

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Do you want God to love you like you love?

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Agent, not recipient



APPLICATION: John 13:2-5, 12-17: Jesus gave an example FOR US!

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Jesus gave an example FOR US! Serve like He served.





Luke 1:74-75:

Serve without fear!

We are free to serve!

Today – be Christ-like: serve.

Today – be Christ-like: serve. Humble yourself.

Today – be Christ-like: serve.

Humble yourself.

Give in to others.

Today – be a servant: no expectations, no merit, no "justice."

You'll never look more like Jesus than when you are humbly caring for the needs of others who do not deserve your love.