**Real Life**

*Ad for Friday****, Feb 2 2024***

***With Pastor Steve***

 *Love has to be put into action, and that action is service. And love begins by taking care of the closest ones - the ones at home. ~ Mother Teresa*

 We know that… but doing it is so much harder isn’t it? Serving others in the community, or sending money overseas… all of which are great and much needed things… are often as far as our acts of love and service go.

 However, if that’s as far as it goes, then we’ve missed the point. Even though there is a benefit to serving someone you do not know… that’s just it… we don’t know them. They don’t know us. They haven’t hurt our feelings, irritated us at work or at home. They haven’t treated us poorly or have been difficult for us to live with. We don’t have forgiveness issues with them.

 That’s why love must begin at home… with those closest to us. Because that’s the real proof of what’s inside of us. Can we love someone, serve someone whom we feel at times does not deserve it? Only then is it real sacrifice.

 When Jesus washed the feet of His disciples, He didn’t go up and down the streets of Jerusalem. He started with those closest to Him. Those who would betray Him (Judas). Those who would deny Him in a few hours (Peter). Because sometimes love smells like stinky feet… Who’s “feet” do you need to “wash” today? *And that’s … real life.* ~*Pastor Steve Rowe – Eaglebrook Church*

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