



JOHN 13:1

A GOD STRONG PERSON IS...  
DRIVEN TO LOVE

## PART 1: “IT’S TIME TO GO”

Can you think of some times in your life when you were preparing to leave on a trip or return home from a trip? Who were the people you were leaving? What kinds of emotions did you feel? What thoughts did you share? What if you knew it was the last time you would see them? What would you want to make sure you said? This is that moment for Jesus.

### READ THE FIRST TWO SENTENCES OF JOHN 13:1

1. Where was He leaving from and to whom was He going?

2. Imagine you were Jesus. What might you be thinking and feeling?

3. What would you think would be important to share with the disciples?

## PART 1: REFLECTION

What do you feel toward Jesus, realizing again what it cost Him to leave His Father and to come into this world to save you?

If you knew it was your hour to leave, what would you want to say to those you love?

Don't wait! Tell those you love what they mean to you today – this week!

“Going to the Father – now.” What does that stir up in your heart and mind?

## PART 2: “HIS OWN”- I AM HIS AND HE IS MINE!

Often we value something or someone more highly when it/they belong to us. There is something about ownership that increases value, care and love. This is true for Jesus and his love for “His” disciples. Don’t forget that you are one of “His” as well!

### READ THE LAST SENTENCE OF JOHN 13:1

1. How are these disciples “His own?”

2. In what ways can you remember from the scriptures that Jesus loved them?

3. In what ways can you imagine that He loved them?

## PART 2: REFLECTION

How do you know that you are one of “His own”?

Besides the cross, in what ways have you experienced Jesus loving you like He loved the disciples?

If that previous question was difficult for you, take a moment to think about the person who really demonstrated love for you recently and then hear the Lord say to you today, “If they love you that much, how much more do I! Besides, it was also me in them loving you as well. You are mine and I love you deeply!” (Luke 11:11).

## PART 3: “FAITHFUL LOVE”

“That’s it. It’s over!” At some time or another in a relationship—maybe currently—you carry the fear that you might hear those words because you have done the unforgivable one too many times. I wonder if the disciples ever had that fear in their relationship with Jesus. Let these words about Jesus’ love quiet your heart even as I’m sure it did the disciple’s hearts.

### READ THE LAST PHRASE OF JOHN 13:1

1. The NIV says, “He now showed them the full extent of His love.”

The TNIV and the NRSV say, “He loved them to the end.” The word can be translated both ways. How do the two phrases speak to you differently?

2. How are they both true?

## PART 3: REFLECTION

What does it mean to you, a present-day disciple of Jesus, to know that He will love you to the end?

In what ways has He demonstrated a faithful and great measure of love over your lifetime?

Listen and hear what He would say to you today about His great and faithful love for you.