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# THE WATERMARK

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## Dear Editor,

This week has been a great week for me on staff. I have enjoyed the great game of “Can’t Touch This”, working alongside my pals, and getting to know everyone here on the Zone. Unfortunately, I feel like I have to let someone know that I am being pressured into doing something that is not natural for me.

I have been a boy for as long as I can remember, and I have always enjoyed being a boy. I really like playing video games, watching football, and having an adam’s apple (all boyish things). This week I have been forced to abandon all of my masculinity for a stupid tea party because of a promise I have made to the girls cabin. This tea party will include me dressing like a female, hanging out with females, and maybe even questioning my maleness. I am deeply concerned about the psychological impact this might have on myself, my future wife, and my future children. I can only hope and pray that the girls cabin will have mercy on me.

Sincerely,

Incentive Gone-Wrong



## LAY DOWN YOUR LIFE TO TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

This week we went over the story of Jesus’ washing the feet of his disciples in the Gospel of John, chapter 13. Interestingly enough, this is the only place in the Gospels where this story is recorded. Though only mentioned this one time, this story gives us an important insight as to how Jesus operated as the Messiah and what he expected of his followers.

In verse 4, we come to an interesting use of language for the Gospel writer John:

“(Jesus) got up from the table, **1took off** his outer robe and **2tied** a towel around himself.”

## THIS WEEK’S OUTING

### MILTY WILTY & SHOPPING

This Saturday we will make a trip to Wautoma for some great food at a classic drive-in diner called Milty Wilty. They have pizza, burgers, pizza-burgers, tacos, gyros, shakes, and more. They also have an 18 hole mini golf course in the back for \$4.00 a person. We will make a stop at a Shopko in Wautoma as well.



The words that I numbered, italicized, and bolded are the words I want to focus on. These words from the original Greek aren't actually the words "took off" or "tied". These are just words used to make this story flow better in the English translation. To give you a better definition of these words, I'll use a couple of verses from John chapter 10 (same author and same Gospel) that uses both of these verbs in a better context so you can see what I mean. John 10:17-18:

"For this reason the Father loves me, because I **1lay down** my life in order to **2take it up** again. No one **2takes** it from me, but I **1lay** it down on my own accord."

When John tells us about how Jesus approached washing the disciples' feet, he uses the same language as he did just a few chapters before when Jesus was alluding to the cross. Jesus "laid down" his robe and "took up" the towel. Sometimes we think that taking up our cross means to physically die, but in a much more real, concrete sense, Jesus calls us to "lay down" our selfish ambitions and to "take up" serving others. The Gospel isn't necessarily about dying for your friend as much as it is helping your friend when it is most inconvenient for you.

"So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done."

-John 13:14-15



## BIG WORD OF THE WEEK

### **Bogchi**

Definition: (*verb*) to eat junk food

In a Sentence: Jessica was so hungry she couldn't wait, she had to bogchi now.