

Love Rediscovered: Be Known By Love

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LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

In John 13:34-35, Jesus introduced a “new commandment” that echoes a principle found in the Old Testament, specifically in Leviticus 19:18, instructing individuals to love their neighbors as themselves. However, what is considered truly new in Jesus’ commandment is not merely the concept of love itself, but the way it is to be expressed. Jesus said that His followers are to love one another just as He has loved them (and us included), indicating a higher standard of love modeled after His own sacrificial and selfless love.

Love is an unconditional commitment...

Matthew 22:36-40 tells of Jesus’ response when asked about the greatest commandment: to love God and love others. This talks about the importance of love in Jesus’ teachings. John 13:1 shows Jesus’ commitment to his disciples, loving them to the end, beyond mere feelings – just like a mother’s sacrificial love for her child. Deuteronomy 7:7-8 reveals God’s deep, intentional love for His people, a profound commitment demonstrated throughout history. In these verses, God reminds the Israelites that He chose them not because they were the most numerous or powerful, but simply because He loved them and was faithful to the covenant He made with their ancestors. This love is not only unconditional but also intentional and enduring, like the commitment Jesus had for His disciples.

Towards imperfect people...

True love is based not on the recipient but on the giver. Jesus loved His imperfect disciples, showing us how to love others despite their flaws. We all have imperfections, making it challenging to live with others, especially family. Spending time together can reveal these imperfections, leading to friction. This is like the porcupine dilemma, where closeness increases the risk of unintentionally hurting each other. So, how do we handle this? It’s not just about loving imperfect people; it’s about loving them with a purpose. What’s that purpose?

To seek their highest good...

Philippians 2:3-5 is a potent reminder for us to cease being self-centered and to seek the good or even the best for others. This isn’t sentimentality. We’ve

seen situations where what seemed like an act of love turned out to be destructive. Love shouldn’t merely seek to please others – sometimes it may mean saying NO or disciplining. Today, we often think “whatever makes you happy” is love. True love involves discipline. God is more concerned about your eternal being than your temporal being. Love includes tolerance, accepting others, but we can’t impose values or embrace values we know are wrong. This means, for parents, you may not need to give them cellphones at a very young age. For singles in a relationship, true love isn’t engaging in physical intimacy outside of marriage – if they truly love each other, they must commit to a God-centered marriage.

Which may require sacrifice...

Luke 6:27-28 addresses the weight of the command to love even our enemies or people who’ve offended and hurt us. Do we truly do good to those who hate us? Do we bless those who curse us? Do we pray for people who don’t treat us properly? Love is costly and may require us to do what is difficult or seemingly impossible. The principle is “motion before emotion” – we obey God first, then feelings will follow. Many couples who were on the verge of separation have been saved because they chose to love God and follow His instructions. What motivation should we have for this? It’s the love of God.

Jesus was invited to a Pharisee’s house (Read Luke 7:36-50). When a Rabbi was in the house, people came to listen to His teachings. Now a woman with a bad reputation started crying, washing Jesus’ feet with her tears and anointed them with expensive oil. When the Pharisee saw this, he judged the woman and Jesus in his heart. But in verse 40, Jesus addressed Simon directly and gave him a parable – one who owed 500 denarii and one who owed 50 were both unable to repay, so the moneylender GRACIOUSLY FORGAVE THEM BOTH! Jesus asked, “which of them will love him more?” And Simon said it would be the one who was forgiven more.

Ephesians 2:8-9 reminds us that it is all by grace through faith. We should be conscious of our own sinfulness and acknowledge that we are recipients of a gracious kind of forgiveness, out of the LOVE freely given to us. We ought to love others as we have been loved. Let us love like Jesus!

Last Week's Memory Verse

For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little.

LUKE 7:47

Discuss This Message

Why do you think love is “the final apologetics” for the Christian faith?

How would you accomplish loving imperfect people?

In what specific way can you make someone feel and know Christ’s love this week?

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step into the community

Fellowship and learn together with people like you!



WOMEN2WOMEN

ALL WOMEN

Become a Transformed Woman Session 2: Reveal & Repent of the Sin that Ensnares

February 22, Thursday, 10:00 AM, MPH

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Seasons of Love

February 23, Friday, 7:30 PM, MPH

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KIDS FROM 4-12 YEARS OLD

Love Detectives

Sundays, 9:00 AM, 12:00 NN, 3:00 PM

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LIVESTREAM: YouTube & Facebook (ccfnxtgen) for ages 4 to 12

ZOOM: for ages 7-12, message us to sign-up

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God's Design for Women

March 6, Wednesday, 7:00 PM on Zoom

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coming this February

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OPEN TO ALL WOMEN AGES 21 AND UP

March 15 - 17

Mt. Makiling Recreation Center

REGISTRATION FEE: PHP4,950



Contact (0945) 276 7074 or aberetreat@gmail.com for more details

LOOKING FOR ANSWERS? THINK YOUR VISIT IS A COINCIDENCE? YOUR BEING HERE TODAY IS NO ACCIDENT!

God brought you here for His purpose.

1 God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness** to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments – Deuteronomy 7:9*

2 God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. – Romans 3:23

3 God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. – Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. – John 14:6

4 God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. – John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9

5 God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. — 1 John 5:11-13



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saturday nights

5:00 PM

sundays

9:00 AM, 12:00 NN,
and 3:00 PM

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