

The Way You Love Me

EPHESIANS 3:18

“that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”

Jesus Christ was the only person with perfect love & relationships.

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.” **John 13:34**

KEY THOUGHT: You can't fully understand how to love other people until you first understand how much God loves you.

2 Things in this Message:

1. Comprehend how much God really loves you.
2. How does God want you to pass this love onto others?

The 4 **Patterns** of Jesus we should follow

1. Accept others like Jesus accepts me

Followers of Jesus should be the most accepting people in the world.

Many faces of rejection...

- Parents
- At the playground
- From a former spouse
- At a job or in your career

We think if we're perfect then we'll never be rejected.

“Those who the Father has given me will come to me, and I will never reject them.” **John 6:37**

Many feel like God is always putting them down, blaming them and nothing is good enough.

“For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me in.” **Psalms 27:10**

The Lord justifies us by his grace. He says you're acceptable because of His grace and not your performance.

Jesus accepts us the way we are but that does not mean he approves of what we are doing.

We must accept others because God chose to accept us.

What God does for you – He expects you to do for other people

“Therefore accept one another as Christ has accepted you, for the glory of God.” **Romans 15:7**

This week I will show acceptance to: _____

2. Value others like Jesus values me

How much are you worth?

1. God Created You
2. Jesus Died for You
3. God puts His Spirit within You
4. He wants to be with you for eternity

“Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered.

Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows.” **Luke 12:6-7**

The Value of something is based upon 2 factors

1. Who Made It?

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” **Ephesians 2:10**

2. What is someone willing to pay for it?

“He paid for you with the precious lifeblood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.” **1 Peter 1:19**

We should treat others and value them this same way.

“Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.” **1 Peter 2:17**

This week I will affirm the value of: _____

3. Forgive others like Jesus forgives me

You don't have to pay for it. Jesus already did.

“I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.” **Isaiah 43:25**

“And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.” **Matthew 26:28**

Once you recognize that God has forgiven you, then you're enabled to forgive other people

“You must make allowance for each other's faults and forgive the person who offends you. Remember the Lord forgave you so you must forgive others.” **Colossians 3:13**

This week I will offer forgiveness to: _____

4. Believe in others like Jesus believes in me

Who did Jesus entrust with the expansion and management of his Kingdom on Earth?

“Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world so I have sent them into the world.” **John 17:17-18**

Shouldn't you then make Jesus Christ the most important person in your life?

This week I will tell: _____ how much I
believe in them.

So Now Everybody Look at your List

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