

Loving Like Jesus Loved Me

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You are blessed whenever you follow my example...

I'm giving you a new commandment: Love each other in the same way that I have loved you. Everyone will know that you are my disciples because of your love for each other. John 13:17, 34-35 (GW)

1. I Must Accept Others Like Jesus Accepts Me.

The Father gives me my people. Every one of them will come to me, and I will always accept them. John 6:37 (NCV)

Even if my mother and father forsake me, the Lord will receive me. Psalm 27:10 (NIV)

Jesus treated us much better than we deserve. He made us acceptable to God and gave us the hope of eternal life. Titus 3:7 (CEV)

God did not send his son into the world to condemn it, but to save it. John 3:17 (NLT)

Accept one another... just as Christ accepted you. Romans 15:7 (NIV)

ACTION STEP: This week I'll show acceptance to
_____ Someone who irritates you or is hard to love

2. I Must Value Others Like Jesus Values Me.

"Are not five sparrows sold for two small coins? Yet not one of them has escaped the notice of God. Even the hairs of your head have all been counted! Do not be afraid. You are worth far more than many sparrows." Luke 12:6-7(NAB)

➤ **Value Depends On Who Made It.**
We are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things he planned... Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

➤ **Value Depends On What's Paid For It.**
He paid for you with the precious lifeblood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. 1 Peter 1:19 (NLT)
Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you. See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands! Isaiah 49:15-16 (NIV)
Treat everyone you meet with dignity. 1 Peter 2:17 (MSG)
Jesus looked at him and loved him. Mark 10:21 (NIV)

ACTION STEP: This week I'll affirm the value of
_____ Someone who has low self-worth

3. I Must Forgive Others Like Jesus Forgives Me.

I am the God who forgives your sins, and I do this because of who I am. I will not hold your sins against you. Isaiah 43:25 (TEV)

Long ago, even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. Ephesians 1:4 (NLT)

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Romans 8:1 (NIV)

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 (NLT)

Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Luke 6:37 (NIV)

ACTION STEP: This week I'll offer grace to _____
Someone who has hurt you or is carrying a load of guilt or shame

4. I Must Believe In Others Like Jesus Believes In Me.

If you love someone, you will be loyal to him no matter what the cost. You will always believe in him, always expect the best of him, and always stand your ground in defending him. 1 Corinthians 13:7 (TLB)

As the Father has sent me, I am sending you. John 20:21 (NIV)

Everything is possible for him who believes. Mark 9:23 (NIV)

Anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. John 14:12 (NLT)

I want us to help each other with the faith we have. Your faith will help me, and my faith will help you. Romans 1:12 (NCV)

May you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love really is. Ephesians 3:18 (NLT)

ACTION STEP: This week I'll demonstrate faith in _____
Someone you see with potential for growth – "I believe in you!"

HOMEWORK

Small Group assignment: Watch Session 2, "Love Is Patient & Kind" by Rick Warren and follow along in the study guide.

Personal Reading schedule: *The Relationship Principles of Jesus*
Read days 8-14 this week.

This Week's Memory Verse:

Love is patient, Love is kind.

1 Corinthians 13:4 (NIV)