

Love Like That
“Bold Like Jesus”
- selected passages -
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Watch what God does, and then you do it, like children who learn proper behavior from their parents. Mostly what God does is love you. Keep company with him and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that.

Ephesians 5:1-2 (*Message Translation*)

Jesus was a Bold Truth-Teller.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
John 1:14 (NIV)

Examples of Jesus' Boldness

²⁷ “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean. ²⁸ In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness.” Matthew 23:27-28

¹² Jesus entered the Temple area and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. ¹³ “It is written,” he said to them, “My house will be called a house of prayer, but you are making it a den of robbers.”
Matthew 21:12-13

For us to be Bold Like Jesus, we need:

(1) to have Integrity.

¹⁶ They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are.

Matthew 22:16 (NIV)

(2) to be truth tellers.

¹⁵ If a fellow believer hurts you, go and tell him — work it out between the two of you. ¹⁷ . . . confront him with the need for repentance, and offer again God's forgiving love.
Matthew 18:15-17 (*Message*)

Discussion Questions

(These questions are taken from Dr. Les Parrott's book “Love Like That” page 118. Feel free to use the question(s) which would prove most helpful in processing and applying Sunday's message.)

1. Read the story of Jesus “cleansing the Temple” found in Matthew 21:12-17; Mark 11:15-19; Luke 19:45-48. Discuss (a) What was Jesus' motive? (b) Why did he become so emotional?
2. We all fear rejection at some level. That's why we wear interpersonal masks (presenting an image that's not congruent with how we really are). What's your go-to mask when you shy away from truth-telling? Do you wear the “pleasant” mask? The “brush it off with humor” mask? What's your inclination?
3. Jesus says we need to speak the truth, but with love: “Confront him with the need for repentance, and offer again God's forgiving love” (Matthew 18:15-17 *Message translation*). How have you done this in your own relationships? What's your biggest personal challenge in doing so?
4. Jesus held such powerful convictions that when He spoke out against injustice or hypocrisy, He couldn't care less what others thought of Him. Have you ever felt that way? When and why? Were you able to do it from a heart of sincere love?
5. If you haven't already, complete Part 1, Session 5 in the Love Like That workbook. (Workbooks are free and can be picked up at the Connection Desk in the Coffee Shop.)