

Love Like That
“Self-Giving Love”
- selected passages -
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¹⁻² 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)

Self-Giving Love is a serving love

³⁵ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.” ³⁶ “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked. ³⁷ They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in glory.” ³⁸ “You don't know what you're asking.”

⁴¹ When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. ⁴² Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:35-38, 41-45

Jesus' love was self-giving

¹ It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

² The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

¹³ “You call me Teacher and Lord; and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do

them.

John 13:1-5; 13-17

Process for becoming Self-Giving:

1. Don't be selfish.

³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition. . . . Philippians 2:3a

♦ **Eritheia (e-rē-thā'-ä): selfishness; strife**

2. Don't be conceited.

³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Philippians 2:3b

♦ **Kenodoxia (ke-no-do-ksē'-ä): empty Glory; vain Glory**

3. Practice humility.

Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, Philippians 2:3c

♦ **Tapeinophrosynē (tä-pā-no-fro-sü'-nā): lowly mind; lowliness of mind**

4. Demonstrate mindfulness.

⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. Philippians 2:4

5. Develop Christ-likeness.

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus. Philippians 2:5

Discussion Questions

1. What was your “A-Ha” from Sunday's message?
2. How would you describe “Self-Giving” Love?
3. Of the 5 things outlined in Philippians 2 that will help you become more Self-Giving in your love, which one(s) do you need to work on most? Why?
4. Complete Part 1, Session 6 (pps. 51-57) in the Love Like That workbook