

LOVE LIKE THAT

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GIVE UP

WHEN YOU GIVE UP YOUR LIFE TO CHRIST,
YOU _____ MORE THAN YOU COULD EVER
_____!

INTERNAL _____ LEAD TO TANGIBLE _____

Matthew 16:25

THE SELF-GIVING JESUS

John 13:1-15

JESUS _____ IN WAYS THAT _____

1 John 3:1

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HOW SELF-GIVING ARE YOU?

For each statement, put the number that best describes you.

Never(1) Rarely(3) Sometimes(5) Often(7) Very Often (10)

- ___ *I'm intentional about putting myself in other people's shoes to imagine how they think and feel.*
- ___ *I work hard to treat other people the way I want to be treated.*
- ___ *I'm known by my friends as someone who puts others' needs ahead of my own.*
- ___ *I listen intently to others and intentionally put away my phone or other distractions to give them full focus.*
- ___ *I work at emptying myself of a selfish desire to change other people.*
- ___ *I love others as I love myself.*
- ___ *I'm happy to play second fiddle.*
- ___ *I go the extra mile for other people.*
- ___ *I'm generous toward people in my life.*
- ___ *I'm willing to put myself second in order to put another person first.*

___ **TOTAL**

1. DEVELOP _____ - GO THE EXTRA MILE

Matthew 5:41

Luke 6:31

Every major religion asks the question: What shouldn't I do?
Following Jesus requires us to ask the question: What can I do?

Try This

Write down the names of three people you are in relationship with.
Next to each of them, answer this question: What does going the extra mile look like in this relationship?

1. _____ - _____
2. _____ - _____
3. _____ - _____

2. DEVELOP _____ - PUT YOURSELF IN ANOTHER'S SHOES

John 11:33-36

Sympathy is standing on the shore and throwing a life ring out to a person who is struggling in the water. This is natural and most humans would do this.

Empathy is diving into the water and thrashing around in the cold waves with that person to bring them to safety. This is much riskier, and it's so rare, we call these people heroes.

"Empathy is the single most important relationship skill we have."

-Dr. Les Parrott

John 1:14

JESUS DIDN'T _____ DOWN FROM HEAVEN,
JESUS _____ DOWN FROM HEAVEN!

Romans 12:9-10

Fill in the blanks: gain, lose, inventories, transformation, gives up, benefits us, love, empathy, look, came

STUDY GUIDE

This Study Guide is designed to help you take the message with you throughout the week with daily Scripture reading and questions for your personal reflection and application. It is also designed to help you continue the conversation with your family, friends, and Life Group.

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DAY 1

Think about a time when you didn't speak up when you know you should have. Either for yourself or someone else, long ago or this week. What kept you from being bolder in that situation?

How Bold Are You?

If you haven't done so, take the self-inventory on the sermon outline or online at LoveLikeThatBook.com.

How do you feel about the results? Make it a point to share with family, friends, and Life Group about your results.

DAY 2

Read John 2:13-16. What was Jesus' motive? Why did he become so bold and confrontational? What can you learn from this aspect of Jesus' example?

DAY 3

Read Matthew 23:23-33. How would you describe the tone of Jesus' words to the Pharisees? Jesus singled out the Pharisees more than any other group for his strongest critiques, why do you think He did this?

It's easy to cheer Jesus for His bold confrontations with this "brood of vipers". But, how would you have felt if you were one of the Pharisees?

DAY 4

Read John 5:44. We all fear rejection and seek the approval of others. That's why we wear interpersonal "masks" to present an image that is not congruent with who we are or what we truly believe or feel.

What is a go-to mask you use when you avoid truth telling? The "pleasant mask"? The "humor mask"? The "intellectual mask"? The "religious mask"? What mask do you use?

Read Matthew 5:33-37. Sometimes we use empty or religious words that sound good but have no real meaning. Can you think of a time recently when you "said the right things" out of habit but not out of your heart?

DAY 5

Read Ephesians 4:15-16. Jesus was the ultimate example of speaking truth and expressing love at the same time. Which of these comes easier for you- boldly speaking truth or boldly expressing love? With whom do you have the biggest challenge in balancing these two?

Read Matthew 18:15-16. To be a truth-teller, a bold person in your relationships, you have to be willing to risk rejection. How would you rate yourself in this ability? What's one practical way for you to improve in this area? What relationship(s) need you to risk to engage in more truth-telling right now?

APPLY

Who in your life would you like to be bolder with? It could be a specific person or a group of people.

CHALLENGE

What is one practical thing you will do to risk to become bolder with the people you noted? Be as concrete and specific as you can be. Now go and do it!