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In the moment, adversity doesn't build
your character, it reveals your character.

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1. Love for Neighbor
 2. Public Witness
 3. Faithfulness to Truth
 4. Missional Intentionality

Matthew 22:35-40

One of them, an expert in religious law, tried to trap Him with this question: "Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?" Jesus replied, " 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."

Galatians 5:6,14

...The only thing that counts is faith working through love... For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

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1 Peter 4:8

Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins.

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James 2:8

Yes indeed, it is good when you obey the royal law as found in the Scriptures: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

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1 John 4:7-8,19

God is love, and all who live in love live in God,
and God lives in them.

1 John 4:9-10

God showed how much He loved us by sending His one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him.

This is real love—not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

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John 15:13

“There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

Love – Prioritizing another above yourself
no matter the cost to yourself.

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Wisdom – Discerning what that looks like
in obedience to God.

- Love isn't always nice.
- Love isn't always encouraging.
- Love isn't always tolerant.
- Love isn't always romance.
- Love is rarely warm and fuzzy.

2 Timothy 3:1

You should know this, Timothy, that in the **last days** there will be very difficult times. For people will love only themselves and their money.

2 Timothy 3:2-5

They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful.

They will consider nothing sacred. They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good.

2 Timothy 3:2-5

They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!

- I love my freedoms.
- I have my rights.
- I should be able to do what I feel is right for me.
- My body, my choice.
- My kids, my choice.
- My life, my choice
- You do you, I do me.
- Follow your heart. Find your truth.

Love Test #1

Q: "Are you a Jesus follower?"

A: "Ask my neighbor."



Love Test #2

Q: "How committed to Jesus
kingship are you?"

A: "Ask my enemy."

Luke 6:32-36

“If you love only those who love you, why should you get credit for that? Even sinners love those who love them! And if you do good only to those who do good to you, why should you get credit? Even sinners do that much! And if you lend money only to those who can repay you, why should you get credit? Even sinners will lend to other sinners for a full return.

Luke 6:32-36

“Love your enemies! Do good to them.
Lend to them without expecting to be repaid.
Then your reward from Heaven will be very great,
and you will truly be acting as children of
the Most High, for He is kind to those who are
unthankful and wicked. You must be
compassionate, just as your Father
is compassionate.”

A: "Ask those who can do me nothing in return."

Galatians 5:13-15

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

This week:

- Love an enemy.
- Love your church.
- Love a neighbor.
- Love the least.
- Love the Lord your God.