Love Like Jesus

Tim King · John 13:34–35

INTRODUCTION

- As a disciple of Jesus, we don't just learn to love, we learn to love like Jesus.
- And we learn to love at a standard that Jesus kept and also calls us to follow.
- How the love of Jesus becomes the source of everything we're called to do as his people.

1 Where Love Begins: Seeing Our Debt

Luke 7:37–38; Luke 7:42; Romans 6:23

- She enters the house, stands behind him weeping, and then it says that she wets his feet with her tears and wipes the tears with her hair.
- Simon the host sees a sinful woman. And then you've got Jesus who sees a forgiven woman who's expressing her love.
- When they could not pay, he canceled the debt of both. Even though the amounts were different, their condition was identical. Neither of them could pay it.
- Romans 6:23 that the wages of sin is death. Here's the way to think of that. Sin will cost you your life.
- When you think about sinners who need grace, how far down the list do you place your own name? Love can grow cold in a heart that has forgotten their own debt.

2 He Who Is Forgiven Little Loves Little

Luke 7:44–46; Luke 7:47; 1 John 3:1

- The forgiveness here is the one thing that will awaken the love inside of everyone. Forgiveness does that.
- He's not truly seeing her. He sees her reputation. Jesus saw what grace would produce in her.
- Luke 7:47, this is the stamp of the lesson. He who is forgiven little loves little.
- So love for God stems for how much we've been forgiven by him.
- See what kind of love the father has given to us that we should be called children of God. Look at that. Behold that. And don't lose sight of it.

3 The Love We Receive Becomes the Love We Practice

John 13:34; John 13:1; John 15:13

- The love that we receive then becomes the love that we learn to practice.
- John 13:34 he says just as I have loved you also are to love one another.
- He himself became the model. He stooped down taking the lower place.
- Love notices the work that everyone else is willing to leave undone and steps in.

- So this is our standard. Love that stoops and sacrifices and love that stays and sticks around.

4 Love Transforms Us

Luke 9:53–55; John 13:23

- It's the love of Jesus that becomes the visible thing through which people learn about him. That's because love will transform us.
- Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?
- Later on, John becomes the disciple who Jesus loved.
- You got this guy that Jesus takes who's angry and turns him into someone who becomes tender.

5 Love Reveals Jesus

John 13:35

- We begin to see people as imagebearers to be loved, not as problems to be managed.
- Again he says by this all people will know. Not just those in your selective search. Not just a few all.
- They may not see all of the changes that God has made in my life, but they will notice the supernatural love at work among people.
- Whenever we bear patiently and we forgive freely, whenever we stoop low and serve and we stay there and remain committed, we make the influence of Jesus visible. That's because love reveals Jesus.

THE CHALLENGE

Begin placing your relationships alongside the love of Jesus, the one that we've read about today. Where do you need to stoop and sacrifice or maybe even stay and not give up on someone?

MY NOTES