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One Another - Week #2

Love is the Brand!

John 13:34-35 (NIV)

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

1. Love is a command, not merely an emotion!

- Biblical love is the decision to compassionately and righteously seek the well-being of another over yourself!

2. Love is the brand!

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 (NIV)

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

3. Love is grace dispensed!

Luke 10:25-37 (NIV)

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”²⁶ “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”²⁷ He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”²⁸ “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”³⁰ In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead.³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side.³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him.³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him.³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’³⁶ “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”³⁷ The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

- Love is unconditional, sacrificial, and extravagant!
- We can't have impact without contact!

4. Love pays dividends!

- When we give horizontally, we receive vertically!

Proverbs 14:21(NIV)

It is a sin to despise one's neighbor, but blessed is the one who is kind to the needy.

Proverbs 21:13 (NIV)

Whoever shuts their ears to the cry of the poor will also cry out and not be answered.

When we do for those who can do nothing for us,
God will do for us what we can never do for ourselves!

- When we extend love, we receive clarity.

1 John 2:10-11 (NIV)

Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. ¹¹ But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

5. The most loving act is sharing Christ!

6. Love is the effect of our salvation, not the cause of it!

1 John 2:9 (NIV)

Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness.