

BECOMING

2 CORINTHIANS 3:18



LOVE OTHERS.

There was a viral video a few years back that featured a toddler saying, "I like you when you give me cookies." And when the mother retorts with, "I love you," he answers with, "I love you too, but I don't like you all the time."*

How many of us have this same mentality?

It's easy to love our friends, the people we naturally "click" with. It's easy to love people who help us or give us things. It's harder to love, well, most everyone else.

But God loves us and calls us to love others. Why? People need real love. The people right around you - neighbors, coworkers, friends, are hurting and *need* the love of you and your Savior.

*Search "I don't like you mommy" on YouTube for the adorable video.

IN THE BIBLE.

Leviticus 9:17-18

17 "You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. 18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

John 13:14

14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

John 13:34-35 (The MSG)

“Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other.”

QUESTIONS.

- 1.) Jesus says we'd be recognized as his disciples through our love. How does that make you feel? Are you currently living out love?
- 2.) In the next month, what is one way you can love a neighbor?
(If you don't live in a place with neighbors, how can you love someone you work near everyday or someone you see regularly throughout the week but don't yet know well.)
- 3.) If you're struggling to really love, what are some steps you can take to make "loving others" become a more natural part of life?

Whenever you read the Bible, ask yourself these three questions:

1. What does this tell you about God?
2. What does this tell you about yourself and the world?
3. How is this going to change who you are and how you live?

