

“Love Demands Action”

Luke 6:46 ESV

“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?”

John 14:15 MSG

If you love me, show it by doing what I've told you.

Intentional **Intimacy**

Mark 12:30 NIV1984

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.

Wholehearted **Surrender**

Revelation 3:16 NIV1984

because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—
I am about to spit you out of my mouth.

Lukewarm is **not OK**.

Half-Hearted is not OK.

Initiating **Involvement**

John 15:1-8 NIV1984

John 15:5 NIV1984

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

Christian Living

Luke 9:23 NIV1984

Then he said to them all: “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

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Demand three things:

Self-denial - “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself...”

Surrender - “.....take up his cross daily.....”

Sacrifice - “..... Jesus saysand follow me.”

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Luke 19:10 NIV1984

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.”

John 3:16 NIV1984

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Purpose of the Church: to love People like Jesus loved them and to take as many of them to heaven as possible.

Two Stories of How Jesus Loved

The Tiny Tax Collector from Jericho (Luke 19:1-8)

Zacchaeus was **rich** and **lost**.

Luke 19:9-10 NIV

Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.”

Jesus said, Today, salvation has come to this house.

And this is **WHY** I CAME.

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The Rich Young Ruler Who Was A Foot Short Of Heaven
(Luke 18:18-27)

His **head** was right

His **heart** wasn't right

He left one foot in the **world**

Luke 18:18 NIV1984

A certain ruler asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Verse 20

You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.'

Verse 21

"All these I have kept since I was a boy," he said.

Verse 22

When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

The rich young ruler was **religious** and **lost**.

Love **like Jesus loved**

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Matthew 28:18-20 NIV1984

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

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