

Aveleigh's Third Sunday in Lent 3/19/2017
Sermon series, The Greatest Words In The Bible
Sermon, YOU CAN LEARN TO LOVE LIKE JESUS
Text. John4: 5- 26 p. 1142 & John 19:25-27 p. 1164

"Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary, the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple (John) whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, 'Dear woman, here is your son,' and to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' From that time on, this disciple took her into his home."
John 19:25-27 (NIV)

TO LOVE LIKE JESUS I MUST ...

1. I MUST CARE FOR MY OWN FAMILY

"Honor your father and your mother." Exodus 20:12 (NIV)

FIRST, WE SHOW LOVE LIKE JESUS TO OUR FAMILY BY PAYING ATTENTION: *"Show respect for widows who really are all alone. But if a widow has children or grandchildren, they should learn first to carry out their religious duties toward their own family and in this way repay their parents and grandparents, because that is what pleases God."*
1 Timothy 5:3-4 (TEV)

THE SECOND WAY WE SHOW LOVE LIKE JESUS TO OUR FAMILY IS BY MEETING PRACTICAL NEEDS.

"If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever." 1 Timothy 5:8 (NIV)

THE THIRD WAY WE SHOW LOVE LIKE JESUS TO OUR FAMILY IS BY GIVING EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

"Friends love through all kinds of weather, and families stick together in all kinds of trouble." Proverbs 17:17 (Mes)

2. I MUST TREAT OTHER BELIEVERS AS MY FAMILY

"Do not rebuke an older man (in the church), but appeal to him as your father. Treat the younger men as your brothers, treat the older women as mothers, and treat the younger women as sisters, with all purity." 1 Timothy 5:1-2 (TEV)

"Be devoted to each other like a loving family. Excel in showing respect for each other."
Romans 12:10 (GW)

"Whenever we have the opportunity to help anyone, we should do it. But we should give special attention to those who belong to the family of believers." Galatians 6:10 (NCV)

"Share each other's troubles and problems, and in this way obey the law of Christ." Gal. 6:2 (NLT)

3. LEARN TO SEE OTHER'S PAIN EVEN WHEN I'M IN PAIN

"Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus." Philippians 2:5 (NIV)

"Since Christ suffered and underwent pain, you must have the same attitude he did; you must be ready to suffer, too. For remember, when your body suffers, sin loses its power,"

1 Peter 4:1 (LB)

4. TO LOVE LIKE JESUS I MUST MEET OTHERS' NEEDS EVEN IF MINE AREN'T MET

"Each one of us needs to look after the good of the people around us, asking ourselves, 'How can I help?'" Romans 15:2-3 (Mes)

"When God's children are in need, be the one to help them out. Get into the habit of inviting guests home for dinner or, if they need lodging, for the night." Romans 12:13 (NLT)

WHEN GRIEVING

- • remember that Jesus cares about your pain.
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- • accept love from others.
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- • look for somebody else to help.
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Dear Jesus, thank you for caring about my pain. Help me to use it to draw closer to you and learn how to love and to help others, help me to receive love from others. Help me to offer it to others. Not fake love, not phony love, not plastic love, not shallow love. I want to learn to love like Jesus loves. So God, I cannot possibly do this without your power in me. Jesus Christ, this week help me to pay attention to the people in pain and in grief around me. Remind me of practical ways to help other people. Help me to look for ways to offer support. I know that if I care I'll be aware, and You are there. I humbly ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Four For Your Road Ahead. 1, When has someone show you love?

2, How does it feel to be loved?

3, How does Christ show us love?

4, What can you do this week to love others more like Jesus loved?

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION.....Teach us today what it means to love -- not a love that we have conjured up in our minds, or a love that we have seen on movie screens, but real love. Challenge us in the ways we have chosen not to love. Move us toward genuine patience, kindness and humility. Let us be moved to love especially when it is inconvenient and difficult. Teach us today what it means to love one another as you have loved us. Amen.