

LOVE

MORE THAN WORDS

Part 4

“Teacher, what is the most important commandment in the Law?” ³⁷ Jesus answered: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind. ³⁸ This is the first and most important commandment. ³⁹ The second most important commandment is like this one. And it is, “Love others as much as you love yourself.” **Matthew 22:36-39** (CEV)

An expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking Him this question: “Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ Jesus replied, “What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?” ²⁷ The man answered, “‘You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.’ And, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” ²⁸ “Right!” Jesus told him. “Do this and you will live!” **Luke 10:25-28** (NLT)

➤ **THREE “MUST KNOW” TRUTHS FROM THESE TEXTS**

1. To _____ is to _____ the “most important” thing.
2. How I love in this world impacts _____ I will live in the next.
3. Jesus spelled love _____.

The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ Jesus replied with a story. **Luke 10:29-30** (NLT)

This fellow was traveling down from Jerusalem to Jericho when some robbers mugged him. They took his clothes, beat him to a pulp, and left him naked and bleeding and in critical condition. **Luke 10:30** (VOICE)

➤ **A SPELLING AND LOVING LESSON FROM “GOOD SAM.”**

To love the way Jesus taught me to love ...

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... a priest came along... saw the man lying there... crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. ³² A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by.... ³³ Then a Samaritan came along, and... he saw the man... **Luke 10: 31-33**

...right now you say that in about four months it will be time to harvest? Well, I'm telling you to open your eyes and take a good look at what's right in front of you. These fields are ripe. It's harvest time! **John 4:35** (MP)

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... a Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. **Luke 10:33b**

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion... **Colossians 3:12** (NIV)

- **My service without my heart amounts to** _____ .

If I dispose of all that I possess, yes, even if I give my own body to be burned, but have no love, I achieve precisely nothing. **1 Corinthians 13:4** (Phillips)

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Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand. **Philippians 2:4** (MP)

- **Unmet needs are usually an**
“ _____ ” problems, not an “ _____ ” problem!

Love isn't selfish... **Corinthians 11:5a** (CEV)

V _____ .

When he saw the man, he felt very sorry for him....³ The Samaritan went to him, poured olive oil and wine^[k] on his wounds, and bandaged them. Then he put the hurt man on his own donkey and took him to an inn where he cared for him. **Luke 10:33b, 34**

E _____ .

Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, “Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you the next time I'm here.” **Luke 10:34, 35** (NLT)

NOTE: The story wasn't told to answer a question but to _____ my life!

“Which of these three proved himself a neighbor to the man who had been mugged by the robbers?” ³⁷ “The one who showed mercy to him.” Well then, go and behave like that Samaritan.” **Luke 10:36, 37** (VOICE)

Beloved children, our love can't be an abstract theory we only talk about, but a way of life demonstrated through our loving deeds. **1 John 3:18** (TPT)