God With Us





Key Scripture: Luke 6:27-36

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REFLECTING GOD'S LOVE

Christian love <u>sacrifices</u> our desires for the <u>good</u> of others and the <u>glory</u> of God.

What are we called to willingly sacrifice?

- 1) Our pride.
- 2) Our rights.
- 3) Our wealth.

Our sacrifice for the good of another is an <u>unfair</u> exchange.

Three Reasons to love our enemies:

- 1) God ensures <u>justice</u> so we can show grace.
- 2) We will be <u>rewarded</u> in heaven for what we <u>give up</u> on earth.
- 3) This is how God loves us.

Further Study

- 1. List the different ways Jesus sacrificed to show His love for us?
- 2. Look up and read one of the scriptures associated with Jesus showing His sacrificial love.
- 3. What does it look like for me to share this kind of love with someone else?
- 4. Why would it be hard to love someone else in this way?
- 5. Who has God placed in my life that I am called to love in this way?
- 6. When am I going to put this love into action?

Scripture to Pray

Psalm 25:5-7

"Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long. Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!"

From the Resources

"To me, the most startling thing Jesus ever said was when He assigned His followers the task of going out in pairs to share His good news with lost people. He said that He was sending them "as sheep among wolves." Still, He expected them to prevail. In the history of the world, no sheep has ever won a fight with a wolf. The very idea is insane."

 The Insanity of God: A True Story of Faith Resurrected.
By Nik Ripken