NEW TESTAMENT CHALLENGE

September 26th / 27th, 2026
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The Challenge of Radical Love

Four Types of Love:

I) Philos- _____.

II) Storgē- _____.

III) Eros- _____.

IV) Agape - unconditional, selfless, _____.

Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God. Ephesians 5:2

Mostly what God does is love you. Keep company with him and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that. Ephesians 5:2 (MSG)

Radical love is a _____ that you make through the _____ you take.

4 Radical Choices to Love Like Jesus:

I) Choose to _____.

"You have heard the law that says the punishment must match the injury: 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say, do not resist an evil person! If someone slaps you on the right cheek, offer the other cheek also. Matthew 5:38-39

II) Choose to _____.

A) "If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins. Matthew 6:14-15

B) Matthew 5:43-48

C) Never mistake forgiveness and trust.

III) Choose to _____.

A) "Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. For you will be treated as you treat others. The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged. "And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own? How can you think

of saying to your friend, 'Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,' when you can't see past the log in your own eye? Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye. Matthew 7:1-5

IV) Choose to _____.

A) "You have heard that our ancestors were told, 'You must not murder. If you commit murder, you are subject to judgment.' But I say, if you are even angry with someone, you are subject to judgment! If you call someone an idiot, you are in danger of being brought before the court. And if you curse someone, you are in danger of the fires of hell. Matthew 5:21-22

B) "You have heard the commandment that says, 'You must not commit adultery.' But I say, anyone who even looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. Matthew 5:27-28

C) "You have heard the law that says the punishment must match the injury: 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say, do not resist an evil person! If someone slaps you on the right cheek, offer the other cheek also. Matthew 5:38-39

D) "Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets. Matthew 7:12

E) A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Matthew 22:39

F) Give to those who ask & don't turn away from those who want to borrow. Matthew 5:42

G) "Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be. Matthew 6:19-21

"For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. John 3:16-17

My Next Step Is:

- I'm making a decision for Christ and accepting the free gift of Salvation!
- I'm recommitting my life to Christ.
- I will memorize John 3:16-17.
- I accept the New Testament Challenge.
- I will choose to give my love in a radical way this week.
- Sign Me Up for Small Group: Saturday 4:00 p.m. (Resolving Conflict)
  Fall Campaign: Monday 6:00 pm / Tuesday 11:00 am / Wednesday 6:30 pm / Thursday 11:00 am
- Sign Me Up to be Baptized Saturday Oct. 10th / Sunday Oct. 11th.
- Sign me up for the New Members classes, October 11 & 18 from 12:00-2:00. (both classes required.)