

IF WE COULD SAY ONE THING TO YOU . . .

Adventures in Faith-Walking
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SAY YES TO GOD!

"Then Jesus called his disciples and the crowds to come over and listen. 'If any of you wants to be my follower,' he told them, 'you must put aside your selfish ambition, shoulder your cross, and follow me." Mark 8:34 (NLT)

"Jesus called the crowd together with his disciples, and said to them, 'If anyone wishes to follow me (as my disciple), he must deny himself (set aside selfish interests), and take up his cross (expressing a willingness to endure whatever may come) and follow me (believing in me, conforming to my example in living and, if need be, suffering or perhaps dying because of faith in me).'" Mark 8:34 (AMP)

HOW TO LEAVE THE CROWD AND BECOME A DISCIPLE:

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2. _____

"But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8 (ESV)

3. _____

"Christ is the visible image of the invisible God." Colossians 1:15 (NLT)

"If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will find true life. And how do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul in the process? Is anything worth more than your soul?" Mark 8:36-37 (NLT)

LIVE A LIFE OF LOVE!

"LIVE A LIFE OF LOVE, just as CHRIST LOVED US and GAVE himself up for us as an OFFERING and SACRIFICE to God." Ephesians 5:2 (NIV)

"EVERYTHING YOU DO must be DONE WITH LOVE!"
1 Corinthians 16:14 (NLT)

"LOVE is more important THAN ANYTHING ELSE. Love is what holds you all together in perfect unity." Colossians 3:14 (CEV)

"SEEK A LIFE OF LOVE as if your life depended on it—because it does!"
1 Corinthians 14:1 (The Message)

LEARNING TO LOVE BETTER SHOULD BE MY FIRST PRIORITY FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.

IF I NEVER LEARN HOW TO REALLY LOVE . . .

(1 Corinthians 13:1-3, 8, 13)

1. NOTHING _____ WILL MATTER!

"I may be able SPEAK in many languages of people, or of even angels! But if I do not have love, I'm only a noisy bell or a crashing cymbal!"

1 Corinthians 13:1

2. NOTHING _____ WILL MATTER!

"I could have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries and have ALL KNOWLEDGE . . . but if I don't have love, then I am nothing!"

1 Corinthians 13:2

3. NOTHING _____ WILL MATTER!

"I could have a faith so great that I could move mountains! But even with this, if I do not have love, I still am nothing!" 1 Corinthians 13:2

4. NOTHING _____ WILL MATTER!

"And if I give away all my possessions to the poor, and even sacrifice my body to be burned as a martyr, if I do not have love, I gain nothing!"

1 Corinthians 13:3

"The ONLY thing that counts is faith expressing itself through LOVE!"
Galatians 5:6 (NIV)

HOW CAN I LEARN TO LOVE BETTER?

1. KEEP REMINDING MYSELF _____!

"Love comes from God . . . And God showed how much he loves us by sending his only Son into the world so that we can have eternal life through him. This is REAL love! . . . And since God loved us THAT MUCH, we surely ought to love each other." 1 John 4:7, 9-11 (NLT)

2. SPEND MORE TIME _____

"As we live in God, our love grows more perfect." 1 John 4:17 (NLT)

"I pray that LOVE will be the ground into which you sink your roots and on which you have your foundation." Ephesians 3:17 (GW)

3. PRACTICE _____ IN LOVING WAYS

"Let's not just talk about love; let's practice real love!"

1 John 3:18 (The Message)