

Seven Words from Jesus on the Cross

#3. LOVE

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“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**

To Love Like Jesus I Must...

... Learn to care for my family

- *Love pays attention*

Exodus 20:12 Honor your father and your mother.

- *Love provides for needs*

1 Timothy 5:3-4 Take care of any widow who has no one else to care for her. But if she has children or grandchildren, their first responsibility is to show godliness at home and repay their parents by taking care of them. This is something that pleases God.

1 Timothy 5:8 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.

- *Love gives emotional support*

Proverbs 17:17 A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need.

... Treat other believers as my family

1 Timothy 5:1-2 Never speak harshly to an older man, but appeal to him respectfully as you would to your own father. Talk to younger men as you would to your own brothers. Treat older women as you would your mother, and treat younger women with all purity as you would your own sisters.

Romans 12:10 Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.

Galatians 6:10 Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.

Galatians 6:2 Share each other's troubles and problems, and in this way obey the law of Christ.

... See others pain when I am in pain

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

1 Peter 4:1 So then, since Christ suffered physical pain, you must arm yourselves with the same attitude he had, and be ready to suffer, too. For if you have suffered physically for Christ, you have finished with sin.

... Meet other's needs even when mine aren't met

Romans 15:2-3 We should help others do what is right and build them up in the Lord. For even Christ didn't live to please himself.

Romans 12:13 When God's children are in need, be the one to help them out.

**"If you want God's best in your life,
you've got to get close to Jesus,
because the answer to every one of your needs
is always at the foot of the cross."**