WHAT ARE YOU KNOWN FOR?
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Happy Mother's Day!   Finding Jesus, Finding Life, part 40

"What are *you* known for? What are *we* known for?"

BIG IDEA: Jesus wants to put us on display to a sin-sick world, to draw people to himself. Loving each other the way he loved us is supposed to be the primary thing we are known for.

"Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other." **John 13:34-35** Message

1. Not a REQUEST, a COMMAND to love.

2. More than a feeling—it is SELF-GIVING love—which includes our feelings, but more!

eros, *philia*, *storge*, *agape*

3. Our love is to be a JESUS-SHAPED love—modeled on the way he loved us!

- **Love moves toward others**. (John 1:1-14)
- **Love doesn't hold onto rights**. (Phil. 2:5-11)
- **Love accepts and meets us where we are**. (John 4; Mt. 8:2; Lk. 15:1ff)
- **Love is merciful and honest.** (Mark 10:21)

- **Love makes forgiveness real**. (Mark 2:1-12)
- **Love brings light**. (John 1:5, 9-15)
- **Love endures**. (Mt. 17:17; Mk. 16:14)
- **Love touches**. (Mt. 8:1-3; 9:21; 19:13-15)
- **Love is open, inviting**. (Mt. 4:19-20; Jn. 1:43)
- **Love is generous and meets needs**. (Lk. 7:22)
- **Love empathizes**. (John 11:33, 35, 38)
- **Love lifts the oppressed**. (Jn. 4; 11:5; Lk. 10:38f; Mt. 28:5f)
- **Love does not react**. (Mt. 26:63).
- **Love serves**. (Jn. 13:1-17; Mt. 20:28)
- **Love dies**. And, beautifully, because it does, **Love lives**.

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." **John 15:12-13**

"We love because he first loved us." **1 John 4:19**

"Love one another with brotherly affection." **Romans 12:10** ESV

"Love each other deeply with all your heart." **1 Peter 1:22** NLT

4. This Jesus-shaped love is to be our CALLING CARD—what we're known for.

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