

LOVING WELL

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Finding Jesus, Finding Life part 44

If you had to summarize the Christian faith in 2 words, what would they be? _____

BIG IDEA: Abiding in Jesus' love and loving well will ignite a life of purpose, impact and answered prayer.

⁹ "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and abide in his love. ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

1. "My command to you is love as I HAVE LOVED YOU and make this your home base."

How have you been loved by Jesus?

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

¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be full.

2. "Joy will flow from your connected, GENEROUSLY LOVING life."

"Consider it pure joy when you experience various trials"
James 1:2

"cheerful-joyous giver" **2 Corinthian 9:7**

¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know what his master is doing. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I heard from my Father I have made known to you.

3. "My self-giving, other-oriented love graduates into mutually-sharing FRIENDSHIP."

"I no longer call you servants, as servants don't know what their master's doing. Instead, I call you friends, for everything that I heard from my Father I given you."

John 15:15

¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that abides—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

4. "As my abiding friend, I have *called* you and *built* you for lasting impact through LOVING well and ASKING boldly."

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." **Ephesians 2:10**