



# True Love *goes extra*

last week's message

Many of us are not living completely because we are not loving completely. Something may feel missing in our lives because there is something missing in our love. In our season finale, we will be talking about how true love goes the extra mile. Are you ready to go extra in your love for God and others?

## True Love is Extra Costly

True love will always cost us something, and it often requires sacrifice. 1 John 3:16 tells us that Jesus gave up His life for us. Christ's love for us cost Him His life to provide for our greatest need (John 15:13). He did it knowingly and purposefully. Understanding Christ's love for us will move us to do what pleases God, be it laying down our time, our comfort, or giving up anything or anyone that gets in the way of our fellowship with God. What does this love look like? It is the kind of sacrificial love demonstrated by mothers who give up their time to take care of their children. It is the love that husbands show their wives when they give time and effort to take care of them as Christ loved the church (Ephesians 5:25). It is the same love demonstrated by frontliners who serve by taking care of patients especially in this time of pandemic, putting even their lives on the line. It is the love shown by those who gave up their very lives to share the love of Christ. It is the love that gives up a relationship that dishonors God.

## True Love is Extra Giving

True love is looking at a situation and asking how we can contribute, help, or give. 1 John 3:17 tells us, "But whoever has worldly goods and sees his brother or sister in need, and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God remain in him?" A story is told of a girl who ministered in one of the poorest regions of the world. Due to the poor condition in that region, a chicken could sustain the whole tribe for a week! As she was about to conclude her mission trip, the chief came up to her and gave her a chicken. Knowing the implication of the act, she politely declined from accepting the gift, to which the chief replied that no one is too poor to give, nor too rich to receive. This story reminds us that when we give, we do not look at our standard of living, but instead we are to challenge our standard of giving. We look at our heart's condition and give not to

this week's memory verse

But as for you, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or you as well, why do you regard your brother or sister with contempt? For we will all appear before the judgment seat of God.

So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God.

ROMANS 14:10,12



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appease our conscience, but to give with the intention of cheerfully blessing others (2 Corinthians 9:6-7). Are we able to show the people around us that we are loving through our giving?

### True Love is Extra Expressive

True love goes beyond words. True love must be seen and must also be felt, and for it to be felt, it often entails sacrifice. We sacrificially love according to God's Word and His truth. Christ expressed His love when He gave His life for us on the cross. He saved us from sin, and He gave glory to the Father. In loving others, we are to ask two things: "How can I love others so that they would come to the saving knowledge of Jesus?" and "In loving this person, how can I give glory to God?"

Jesus modeled pure and extraordinary love! As we commit to go extra in our love for others, may we be motivated and filled by His love for us. Let us fix our eyes on Him and follow His example of unconditional and sacrificial love that bring honor and glory to God!

#### discussion questions

What do I need to give up?

How is my heart condition towards giving?

In what areas of my life do I need to talk less and do more to show love?



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