

**LOVE STRONG #1**

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**A religion scholar stood up with a question to test Jesus. “Teacher, what do I need to do to get eternal life?”**

**He answered, “What’s written in God’s Law? How do you interpret it?” He said, “That you love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and muscle and intelligence—and that you love your neighbor as well as you do yourself.”**

**“Good answer!” said Jesus. “Do it and you’ll live.” Luke 10:25-28 MSG**

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**“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.” John 15:12 NIV**

**BIG IDEA:**

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**ARE THE TRUEST MEASURE OF**

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**LOVING STRONG LIKE JESUS MEANS ...**

**LOVING THE PEOPLE IN MY LIFE \_\_\_\_\_.**

**“You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:6-8 NIV**

**JESUS \_\_\_\_\_.**

**But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” Luke 15:2 NIV**

**LOVING THE PEOPLE IN MY LIFE \_\_\_\_\_.**

**“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for his friends.” John 15:13 NIV**

**JESUS \_\_\_\_\_.**

**A Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denari<sup>[c]</sup> and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’**

**“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.” Luke 10:33-37 NIV**

**LOVING THE PEOPLE IN MY LIFE \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." Matthew 26:36-39 NIV*

**JESUS** \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." Hebrews 12:1-3 NIV*

### **IN YOUR RELATIONSHIPS ...**

**SACRIFICE** \_\_\_\_\_.

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*"He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep in order to gain what he cannot lose" – Jim Elliott*

*"For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it." Mark 8:35 NIV*

**FOR DISCUSSION:**

**IN THE END, WHY DO RELATIONSHIPS MATTER MORE THAN OTHER THINGS?**

**WHY ARE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS (THAT OTHERS MAY NOT SEE) THE BEST REFLECTION OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?**

**HOW IS THE WAY JESUS LOVES YOU THE BEST STRATEGY FOR LOVING OTHERS?**

**WHY DOES SACRIFICIAL LOVE COMMUNICATE OUR COMMITMENT BETTER THAN WORDS?**

**WHAT IS GOD SPEAKING TO YOU TODAY ABOUT YOUR RELATIONSHIPS SPECIFICALLY?**