

The word of love

Standing near the cross were Jesus' mother, and his mother's sister, Mary (the wife of Clopas), and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother standing there beside the disciple he loved, he said to her, "Dear woman, here is your son." And he said to this disciple, "Here is your mother." And from then on this disciple took her into his home. **John 19: 25-27 (NLT)**

To love like Jesus I must:

1. I must learn **TO CARE FOR MY FAMILY**

Honor your father and your mother. **Exodus 20:12 (NIV)**

a) We learn that **LOVE PAYS ATTENTION**

b) We learn that **LOVE PROVIDES FOR NEEDS**

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 Tim 5:3-4 (NLT)**

But those who won't care for their relatives, especially those in their own household, have denied the true faith. Such people are worse than unbelievers. **1 Tim 5:8 (NLT)**

c) We learn that **LOVE GIVES EMOTIONAL SUPPORT**

Friends love through all kinds of weather, and families stick together in all kinds of trouble. **Proverbs 17:17 (NLT)**

2. I must treat **TREAT OTHER BELIEVERS AS MY FAMILY**

Be devoted to each other like a loving family. Excel in showing respect for each other. **Romans 12:10 (GW)**

Whenever we have the opportunity to help anyone, we should do it. But we should give special attention to those who belong to the family of believers. **Galatians 6:10 (NCV)**

3. I must see **OTHERS' PAIN WHEN I'M IN PAIN**

Since Christ suffered and underwent pain, you must have the same attitude he did; you must be ready to suffer, too. But remember, when your body suffers, sin loses its power. **1 Peter 4:1 (NIV)**

4. I must meet **OTHERS' NEEDS EVEN WHEN MINE AREN'T MET**

Each one of us needs to look after the good of the people around us, asking ourselves, 'how can I help?' **Romans 15:2-3 (MSG)**

When God's children are in need, be the one to help them out. Get into the habit of inviting guests home for dinner or, if they need lodging, for the night. **Romans 12:13 (NLT)**