



Proofs in the Pudding

³⁴ So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. ³⁵ Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.” (John 13:34-35 NLT)

This passage of scripture reminds me of “perfect, unconditional” love. It challenges us to love each other as Jesus loves everyone. To love like Jesus, we need a “big heart,” “be able to suffer long and be kind, bear all things, believe all things, hope all things, and endure all things.” (1 Corinthians 13:7). True love embraces every situation, it doesn’t allow for the circumstances to change the feelings, and concerns we have for others. So often we allow our emotions, our opinion, our perceptions of life’s matters, to set the stage for an upset in one’s personal relationships.

Jesus is telling us his new commandment, his new thing, is to love each other, just as he loves us. That our love towards one another will prove to the world that we are his disciples. The truth of the matter is this was not a new commandment for in Leviticus 19:18 states; ¹⁸ “Don’t seek revenge or carry a grudge against any of your people. Love your neighbor as yourself. I am GOD.” God had already laid the foundation in the beginning for how we should love one another. This kind of love will help others to come to Christ and build loving lasting relationships in a world that has “no connection” with the God we serve. Jesus showed the love of God in everything he did, he was the perfect example for us to follow. We must show proof through our good behavior, not by what we said but by what we do; the same love towards others, Christ shows towards everyone.

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