

Final Words: Sayings of the Savior (Part 2)

Words Of Compassion

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KEY SCRIPTURE: John 19:26-27

BIG IDEA: The most important decision we can make as a Christian is to learn how to love like Jesus loved.

1. Love

- a. Nourish and care-
 - i. If we truly love in a healthy, biblical way, then by an act of our wills, we would each choose **to nurture others** to maturity... physically mentally, spiritually, and relationally. And then, if we truly love others in a healthy, biblical way, then we would **cherish** them- or care for and protect them from anything that would hinder the maturing processes in their individual lives whether physically, mentally, spiritually, or relationally.
- b. Jesus spoke from love. He gave all he could in that moment. But love is not just found in the words spoken to a person. It's found in what is given to a person.
- c. Can't love like Jesus on your own
- d. The world will always fall short in their understanding of love
- e. You are greatly loved- You always will be
 - i. "Surely there has to be an end to this love. You'd think so, wouldn't you? But David the adulterer never found it. Paul the murderer never found it. Peter the liar never found it. When it came to life, they hit bottom. But when it came to God's love, they never did.
 - ii. **1 John 4:10**
 - iii. God loves you because He is love. That's what He does because that is who He is.

2. Mary

- a. Luke 2- Mary's supernatural experiences
 - i. Simeon's prophecy- Luke 2:34-35
- b. Jesus calls Mary "Woman", not mother
 - i. "He calls her woman, not mother, not out of any disrespect to her, but because mother would have been a cutting word to her since she was already so wounded by what she saw happening to her first born son."
- c. Matthew 12:46-50- We are God's family when we obey God.
- d. Your son John
 - i. How will John show love to Mary? Practical care and Spiritual care
 - ii. 1 Tim 5:3-
 - iii. 1 Tim 5:8-

- iv. Deut. 5:16-
- e. To learn to love like Jesus is to be:
 - i. Obedient to Scripture
 - ii. Committed to love no matter what you face in life.

3. John

- a. The disciple Jesus loved
- b. The only one at the cross
- c. Entrusted above others
 - i. John loved Jesus
 - ii. John learned to love
 - iii. John wrote about love
- d. 1 John 4:16
- e. “From that moment on...” – John was prepared to show love.
- f. We demonstrate that we have learned to love like Jesus when love comes from us without delay.

4. Proximity to the cross

- a. Many people come to Jesus without coming to the cross
- b. Two things take place when you come to the cross:
 - i. When you come to the cross you get blessed
- c. When you come to the cross you get called to love
 - i. Prov. 17:17 (Msg)
- d. John 13:35
- e. To learn to love like Jesus we must come to the cross and see what love does

Life Application

- a. Know that you are loved
- b. Because you are loved, love others
 - a. 1 John 3:16-19
- c. Prepare now to be the right person at the right time
- d. In your painful seasons, remember the pain of others