

Better Decisions, Fewer  
Regrets:  
The Relationship Question

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John 13:34-35, 14, 17;  
I Corinthians 13

The Relationship Question - What does love require of me?

The Crazy REALITY of Jesus' Words:

- Jesus was not adding something to the list of more than 600 commands, he was replacing them. (A new commandment I give to you--John 13:34a)
- Jesus was using himself as a standard. (Love one another as I have loved you--John 13:34b)
- Jesus was creating a new "Faith apologetic" for his followers. (This is how people will know that you are my disciples--John 13:35)

The Invasive INSTRUCTIONS Jesus Gives:

- Love like I have loved (what I have done, you now do)
- If I am the teacher and wash feet, you need to do the same. (You should also wash one another's feet--John 13:14)

The Eternal PROMISE of Jesus' command:

- You will be blessed if you do. (Now that you know these things you will be blessed if you do them--John 13:17)
- Love is the kind of investment that is about eternal returns.

What does love require of me? How has Jesus loved?

- Has Jesus chased you?
- Has Jesus forgiven you?
- Has Jesus stayed faithful to you?
- Did Jesus do this when we were friends or enemies?

Love is... 1 Corinthians 13

- Patient
- Kind
- Does not envy
- Does not boast

- Is not proud
- Does not dishonor others
- Is not self-seeking
- Is not easily angered
- Keeps no record of wrongs
- Does not delight in evil, but rejoices with truth
- Always - protects, trusts, hopes and perseveres