

Crazy In Love

Lesson#3: Love Story Study Series

In God's eyes, what is the acceptable response to His love letter?

I Peter 2:21-25

1. Jesus died for us, the ultimate act of love. How does that make you feel?
2. How does he expect us to respond?

Luke 10: 25-28 or Mathew 22:37-40

- I. The cross is God's love letter to us. It is what makes salvation possible but to be saved we have to respond? What does God consider an acceptable response? This passage is the response that God requires.
- II. What God wants from us most is total love, total devotion (all your heart, mind, soul, and strength).
- III. Jesus calls this the greatest command. Loving God with total devotion is the only acceptable response to the love He has for us. This is called Lordship and it leads to total surrender to His will.
- IV. For the rest of the study we'll learn what this means practically...

Luke 9:23-26

- I. This passage breaks down the greatest command practically. To follow Jesus we must love Him with all of our heart, mind, soul and strength. Practically, what this means is that we must deny ourselves
 - A. What do you think it means to deny yourself? Give examples from everyday life.
 - B. We must say no to sin
 - C. We must say no to some things that aren't evil necessarily, but hinder our commitment with Jesus
 - D. We push ourselves to be less of us and more of Jesus
 - E. Do you think that Jesus would say that you consistently deny yourself for him?
 - F. What are you going to have to deny in order to be a totally devoted to Jesus?

- II. For Jesus to be Lord we must carry the cross daily
 - A. What does it mean?
 1. To die to yourself and say yes to Jesus daily
 2. To be willing to die for Jesus
 3. To have 100% devotion to Jesus (99% won't do)
 4. A true Christian is willing to go anywhere, change anything, and do anything for Jesus. When we start putting limits on our obedience, we cease to be true Christians and become merely religious.
 5. This isn't about being perfect. It's not about performance or ability. Flawed as we are we can be fully devoted to something (give an example).
 6. Jesus is simply asking for our best every day. The cross, God's grace, makes up the difference between my best and perfection.
 - B. Do you think that Jesus considers someone a Christian if he/she doesn't love Him this way?
 - C. How do you feel about this?
 - D. What is the most challenging part of making Jesus lord?

Luke 14:25-33

- I. Why do you think Jesus tells us to hate father, mother, sister, brother, etc? What does this mean?
- II. To have a relationship with God we must love Jesus more than father, mother, sister, brother, even ourselves. He must be our first, our unrivaled love.
- III. We must count the cost of becoming a disciple (I.e. a true follower of Jesus)
 - A. When someone truly makes Jesus Lord they become a disciple of Jesus.
 - B. We must be willing to be totally...100% devoted
 - C. We must be willing to commit for the rest of our lives
- IV. We must count the cost of not becoming a disciple
 - A. We are either Jesus' disciples or we're opposed to Him
 - B. We must make peace while He is a long way off.

Question: If you're honest with yourself, have you ever truly made Jesus lord? If not, how do you think Jesus feels about it? Would He say that you are a Christian...that you're saved?

Do you want to make Him Lord?

Additional Scriptures: Luke 9: 57-62, Mathew 10: 32-39, Luke 13: 22-25

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