

Series: "ASCEND"
Part 4: "LOVE LIKE YOU MEAN IT"
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³⁷ Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.

³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Matthew 22:37-40 (NIV)

People Loving is about serving the _____ and reaching the _____.

Being People-Loving Requires:

1. Loving the _____

³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:34-35 (NIV)

a. Starts with our _____

³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

Philippians 2:3-7 (NIV)

➤ **Requires _____**

b. Revealed in our _____

➤ **Through _____**

¹³ You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

Galatians 5:13 (NIV)

➤ **Through _____**

²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Colossians 3:12-13 (NIV)

2. Loving the _____

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

a. Starts with our _____

³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Matthew 9:36 (NIV)

➤ **Requires _____**

b. Revealed in our _____

¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Luke 19:10 (NIV)

➤ **Through _____**

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation

2 Corinthians 5:17-18 (NIV)