

## LOVING THE MARGANILIZED Tough Love – Part 1 of 2

**KEY WORD: MARGANILIZED** – To be pushed to the fringe where you can be **IGNORED**.

*“12 Whenever you speak, or whatever you do, remember that you will be judged by the law of love, the law that set you free. 13 So, you must show mercy to others, or God will not show mercy to you when he judges you. But the person who shows mercy will stand without fear at the judgment, because mercy triumphs over judgment!”  
James 2:12-13 (NLT/NCV)*

### **HOW TO LOVE LIKE JESUS – Matthew 20:30-34**

**1. LISTEN** for clues of people being in pain.

*“They shouted ‘Lord have mercy on us’ ...people tried to shame them into being quiet . . . but they just shouted louder!” Matthew 20:30-31*

*“When Jesus heard them . . .” Matthew 20:32 (CEV)*

*“If you shut your ears to the cries of the poor, your own cries will be ignored in their own time of need.”  
Proverbs 21:13*

**2. STOP** whatever you are doing in that moment.

*“When Jesus heard their cries, he stopped . . .” Matthew 20:32a*

**KEY OBSERVATION:** If I want to be used by God, I must be willing to being **INTERRUPTED**.

- You cannot follow Jesus Christ and live a **SELF-CENTERED** life.

*“Don’t be so obsessed with always getting your own advantage. Forget yourself long enough to lend a helping hand.” Phil 2:4 (The Message)*

**3. LOOK** past people’s behavior to see their **VALUE**.

*“Jesus looked steadily at the man and was filled with love for him,” Mark 10:21 (NJB)*

*“When Jesus looked out over the crowds, his heart broke, because they were confused and aimless, wandering like sheep with no shepherd.” Matthew 9:36 (The Message)*

**4. ASK** people what they need. Don’t **ASSUME** you know.

*“Then Jesus asked, ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ ‘Lord, we want to see!’ they said.” Matthew 20:32*

**5. DO** whatever you can to help.

*“Jesus felt compassion for them, so he touched their eyes and instantly they could see! Then they started following Jesus.” Matthew 20:34*

### **WHO NEEDS YOUR LOVE?**

**1. Look for people with NEEDS and offer to HELP.**

*“Share your food with the hungry, give to the poor, and provide shelter for the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not refuse to help your own relatives. Then my favor will shine on you like the morning sun, and your wounds will be quickly healed! I will always be with you to save you, my presence will protect you, and when you pray, I will answer you.” Isaiah 58:7-9*

**2. Look for LONELY people and become a FRIEND.**

*“Do not mistreat the foreigners who live in your land. They should be treated like everyone else, and you must love them as you love yourself. Remember that you were once foreigners in Egypt.” Leviticus 19:33-34 (NLT)*

**3. Look for GRIEVING people and BE THERE for them.**

*“God comforts us in our troubles, so that we can comfort others who are in trouble with the same comfort that we ourselves received from God.” 2 Corinthians 1:3-4*

4. Look for **DEFEATED** people and help them **START OVER**.

*“When people sin, you should forgive and comfort them, so they won’t give up in despair.” 2 Corinthians 2:7 (CEV)*

5. Look for **ANGRY** people and show them **KINDNESS**.

*“Don’t repay evil for evil. Never retaliate when people insult you or say unkind things about you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God wants you to do, and he will bless you for it!” 1 Peter 3:9 (NLT)*

*“God will not forget the work you’ve done and the love you’ve shown him caring for and helping other people.”  
Hebrews 6:10*