

I'll be a Witness Series/Pivoting the Calling Part 9: Radical Love in Tough Times

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Ephesians 5:1-2

- Christ is our role model and standard of excellence for radical love. (*WORSHIP*)
- God is love; we were created to reflect his glory/image/character. (*LEARN*)
- God is at work in us to will and to do (love) according to his desire. (*SERVE*)

Empowerment Keys

#1 RECOGNIZE: How Much Forgiveness/Mercy I Have Received

Luke 7:47 NLT

[Jesus said] "I tell you, her sins - and they are many - have been forgiven, so she has shown me much love. But a person who is forgiven little shows only little love."

1 John 1:9 ESV

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

#2 REQUEST: The Power to Forgive Others as I've Been Forgiven

Ephesians 3:16:18-19 NLT (abridged)

¹⁶ I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources [God] will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. ¹⁸ And [I pray that] you may have the power to comprehend... how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love is. ¹⁹ May you know the love of Christ, [even] though it is too great to fully comprehend. Be filled with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

#3 RESPOND: Imitate God by Actively Loving Like Jesus (In Spite of All)

1 Peter 4:8 CEV (adapted)

Most important of all, you must deeply love each other, because love **COVERS OVER** a multitude of wrongs.