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John 15:12-16

12 This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. 13 There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command. 15 I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me. 16 You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name.



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“Live and let live,” some say. But Jesus said that we should lay down our lives for our friends. He has done that for us and now invites us to do likewise. So, what does that mean, to lay down one’s life for others? Perhaps at the very least this: “. . . be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another; just as God through Christ has forgiven you.” (Ephesians 4:32) Bottom line servanthood is simply this: kindness, tenderheartedness, forgiveness. In Christ, anybody can do that. So, let’s just do it!

