

MORE THAN A FEELING

Week 3: Love Hurts

Objective: To invite us to love others, even when it hurts to do so.

1. The sermon identified different kinds of “*hard-to-love*” people (demanding, hurtful, different, enemies, etc.).

Which category do you most easily recognize in your own life—and why do you think that is?

2. Read **Luke 10:30–37** (The Good Samaritan).

What makes the Samaritan’s love costly, risky, or painful—not just kind?

3. Jesus ends the story by saying, “*Go and do likewise.*”

Why do you think Jesus refuses to give limits or loopholes around who deserves our love?

4. The sermon says real love often goes beyond:

- comfort zones
- personal prejudices
- political or racial boundaries
- reputation, resources, or reward

Which of those barriers feels hardest for you to move past right now?

5. Read **Matthew 8:2–3** (Jesus touches the man with leprosy).

Why do you think Jesus chose to *touch* the man instead of healing him from a distance—and what does that teach us about loving when it’s uncomfortable?

6. The sermon named three groups Jesus calls us to love even when it hurts:

- the **unlovely**
- the **enemy**
- the **invisible**

Which one do you most easily overlook—and what might loving that person actually require of you?

Final Thought:

Love that costs nothing changes very little. But love that hurts—love that risks comfort, pride, or safety—is the kind of love Jesus lived, modeled, and calls us to choose. When we lean into that kind of love, God meets us there.

This Week:

Do three simple but intentional things.

1. **IDENTIFY**

Ask God to show you one person in your life who is hard to love right now.

2. **PRAY**

Pray daily—not that the person would change first—but that God would shape your heart to love like Jesus.

3. **ACT**

Take one concrete step:

- initiate a conversation
- offer help
- extend forgiveness
- show patience where you’d normally withdraw

Don’t wait for it to feel easier.

Choose love—even if it hurts.

