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Building A Life Of Commitment

March 6 & 7, 2021

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Matthew 13:44 NIV

3 Marks of True Commitment

1. Sacrifice

God's Example: the cross

Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2 NIV

2. Consistency

God's Example: His constant care

"God doesn't abandon or forget even the small sparrow he has made. How then could he forget or abandon you? What about the seemingly minor issues of your life? Do they matter to God? Of course they do! So you never need to worry, for you are more valuable to God than anything else in this world."

Luke 12:6b-7 TPT

3. Endurance

God's Example: His faithfulness

And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love.

Romans 8:38 NLT

How Do I Respond To God's Commitment?

1. I commit to receiving God's love

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love."

John 15:9 NIV

We love because he first loved us.

1 John 4:19 NIV

2. I commit every part of my life

Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

Deuteronomy 6:5 NIV

"And may your hearts be fully committed to the LORD our God, to live by his decrees and obey his commands, as at this time."

1 Kings 8:61 NIV

3. I commit to God's people

Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

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4. I commit <u>for eternity</u>

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