



Greater Love

John 15:12-15 | July 5, 2026

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

— John 15:13

- » Love flows in and through us. (v.12)
- » Love gives itself away. (v. 13)
- » Love changes our relationship with Jesus. (v. 15)

**What are we willing to lay down in ourselves to love others
the way that Jesus has loved us?**

This week's challenge: **Lay down what keeps you from loving like Jesus.**

Followers of Jesus should be known as the most loving people in the world because we've experienced the greatest love the world has ever known.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Vacation Bible School: July 6-10 at 6:00 PM

Worship Arts Team Kickoff: July 26 at 5:00 PM

First Step: August 16 at 9:00 AM

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STUDY QUESTIONS

GETTING STARTED:

Share a time when someone made a significant sacrifice for you. How did that act of love impact you?

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- » How does understanding that God's love cannot be earned change the way you approach your relationship with Jesus and your ability to love others?
- » How does viewing yourself as Jesus' friend rather than His servant transform your obedience and relationship with Him?
- » How does knowing Jesus had you specifically in mind on the cross impact your willingness to love sacrificially?
- » The examples of George Washington surrendering power and Clara Barton serving both sides during the Civil War illustrate laying down pride and serving all people. What pride, preference, or agenda might God be calling you to surrender in order to love like Jesus?
- » How can followers of Jesus lead the way in healing the divisions in our nation by being known more for compassion than outrage and more for listening than speaking?
- » What specific, actionable step can you take this week to be more loving, gracious, or compassionate in your sphere of influence?

NEXT STEPS:

Choose ONE of the following to practice this week:

- » **Lay Down Pride:** Before posting on social media or responding in a conversation, ask yourself, "Am I speaking from love or from a need to be right?"
- » **Lay Down Your Agenda:** Set aside time you had planned for yourself to serve someone else—make a meal, run an errand, or simply listen.
- » **Lay Down Resentment:** Reach out to someone you've been holding a grudge against and extend forgiveness or reconciliation.
- » **Lay Down Comfort:** Have a difficult conversation you've been avoiding, or reach out to someone who needs compassion even though it's inconvenient.
- » **Lay Down Your Schedule:** Take that phone call from someone who needs to be heard, even when you're exhausted.