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“The Love of Jesus”

50 Days to life - Our hope is that these disciplines are built into your life.

- The disciplines are not the new seven commandments.
- They are not to be a checklist to see if you are ok with God.
- They are designed to shape your life so that you can abide in Christ.
- Apart from Christ, right and wrong just becomes nice ideas.

All the characters we have learned about reflected Christ, so they were commended.

- “*Conformed*” - a process of transformation.
- Jesus is the perfect picture. These characters reflected Him to some degree.
- They were not perfect people but were used perfectly for their purpose.
- **Romans 8:29-30 (NLT)**

1. The Spirit of Elijah - the discipline of Worship

- Singing, yes, but doing what God has called you to do.
- Jesus submitted to God even though He was one with God (**Philippians 2**).
- In the garden – “*not my will but yours be done*” (**Luke 22:42**).

2. The Humility of Moses - the discipline of Community

- The disciples were separating – arguing about who was the greatest.
- Jesus, the King of Heaven, washing the disciples’ feet (**John 13**).

3. The Wisdom of Solomon – the discipline of Reading the Word of God

- Jesus dealing with temptation. “*It is written ...*” (**Matthew 4**).

4. The Faith of Abraham - the discipline of Giving

- Jesus was the ultimate giver.
- **Matthew 20:25-28 (NLT)**

5. The Strength of Samson - the discipline of Service

- Jesus, the most gifted man who ever lived - washed the disciples’ feet (**John 13**).
- Using His gifts to care for the needs of others - playing His designated part.

6. The Heart of David - the discipline of Devotion - walking in God’s presence

- Recognizing and cooperating with God’s presence.
- **John 8:28-29 (NLT)**

7. The Love of Jesus - the discipline of Evangelism - Crazy Love

Jesus’ Love - What kind of love was it? (**Luke 15:11**)

- A. He knew what the real problem was: sin, pride, shame, separation.
- B. He understood His purpose. He came to seek and to save the lost.
- C. He loved everyone, the lost who knew they were lost and the lost who didn’t know it.
- D. He was courageous. He confronted the culture and His own friends.
- E. He met them where they were.
- F. He shared the love of God.
- G. He continued on with those who would follow - Matthew the tax collector.