

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: Love Speaks Louder
Message: Caught in the Act
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Acts of service are things we can do to show love and support. Like the others, we can discover if this is someone's primary Love Language by observing how they show love to others and what they talk about.

Think about people around you at home, work, school, and your neighborhood: who do you think places a high value on acts of service? Write down their names.

Pick a couple of names and list some possible things you could do to express love to them. (If you need some help thinking this through, ask someone to help you.)

You can ask someone to give you a task to do that would provide a break or some relief. For instance:

I have some time this Sat and would like to do something for you. What can I do?

Keep in mind: If the person is fussy or particular about what/how things are done, you may be better off volunteering to help them on a project rather than doing it yourself (i.e. if preparing a meal, ask if they have any food allergies or preferences).

Make sure that whatever you do, it is done with excellence and without expectation of it being reciprocated!

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NLT – New Living Translation
TLB – The Living Bible

MESSAGE NOTES



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If I follow Jesus, loving others is not optional.

³⁴ So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. ³⁵ Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.

John 13:34–35 (NLT)

If I follow Jesus, I have a model to follow.

⁴³ You have heard the law that says, ‘Love your neighbor’ and hate your enemy. ⁴⁴ But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! ⁴⁵ In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike. ⁴⁶ If you love only those who love you, what reward is there for that? Even corrupt tax collectors do that much. ⁴⁷ If you are kind only to your friends, how are you different from anyone else? Even pagans do that. ⁴⁸ But you are to be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.

Matthew 5:43–48 (NLT)

If I follow Jesus, loving others is much more than just feelings, words or intentions.

¹⁹ You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. ²⁰ How foolish! Can’t you see that faith without good deeds is useless?

James 2:19–20 (NLT)

¹⁸ Dear children, let’s not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions. ¹⁹ Our actions will show that we belong to the truth, so we will be confident when we stand before God.

1 John 3:18–19 (NLT)

If I follow Jesus, loving others includes all others.

³⁵ Love your enemies! Do good to them. Lend to them without expecting to be repaid. Then your reward from heaven will be very great, and you will truly be acting as children of the Most High, for he is kind to those who are unthankful and wicked. ³⁶ You must be compassionate, just as your Father is compassionate.

Luke 6:35–36 (NLT)

¹² We have blessed those who cursed us. We have been patient with those who injured us. ¹³ We have replied quietly when evil things have been said about us.

1 Corinthians 4:12–13 (TLB)

When I look for and act on ways to serve, I am following Jesus.

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Mark 10:45 (NLT)