

SHAPE MY LIFE
Love Can, Pt.4
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Ephesians 1:4 Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. 5. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure."(NLT)

God's plan is for my life to be _shaped by his love_.

Ephesians 3:16 "I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. 17. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. 18. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. 19. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God."(NLT)

Luke 19:1 "Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. 2. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. 3. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. 4. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. 5. When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.' 6. So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly."(NIV)

Luke 19:8 "But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, 'Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything I will pay back four times the amount.' 9. Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham.'"(NIV)

God's love transforms my focus _from myself to others_.

1 John 4:11 "Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."(NIV)

How is God asking you to do something selfless, motivated by His love?

How can you become more aware of God's love for you each day?

Ephesians 1:7 "In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace 8. that he lavished on us."(NIV)