



Bringing the Heart, Hands, and Voice of Jesus to Our Neighbors!

September 30, 2018

I Love You!

- I **feel** it in my heart... deeply. But, I never show it or say it!
- I **do** loving things... but it is a duty with no feeling and no words!
- I **say** the words often "I Love You!"... but I don't feel or mean them and I never show it!

What helps us realize that love is authentic?

- When the **feelings** are deep
- The **actions** are consistent
- The **words** are true and line up with the feelings and actions!
- **This is powerful! It is life changing**

How Jesus **felt** about people who were wandering far from His love and grace

Matthew 9:35-36

³⁵ *Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.*

³⁶ *When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.*

How we should **feel**

- Compassion
- Clarity
- Care

How Jesus **treated** people who were wandering far from His love and grace

John 8:6-11

⁶ *They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.*

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. ⁷ When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." ⁸ Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

⁹ *At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. ¹⁰ Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"*

¹¹ *"No one, sir," she said.*

"Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

How we should **treat** people who need the grace of Jesus

- Recognize truth-breaking sin
- Extend amazing grace

How Jesus **spoke** to people who were wandering far from His love and grace

John 3:5-7

⁵ *Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.'"*

How we should **speak**

- I care about you and your spiritual condition
- You have a real and deep spiritual need (Nicodemus thought he was fine)
- Jesus is the one who can meet that need... There is new birth and new life waiting for you!