

HOW TO SAY I LOVE YOU (*better than words*)

Matthew 20:29-34

Jesus was and is the world's greatest example of true love. He showed us how to do more than just say, "I love you" ...He showed us how to live it. Let's look at some things Jesus did in this passage that show us how to care and to love.

I. FOCUS ON THE INDIVIDUAL, NOT THE CROWD (vv 29-30)

1. Jesus had a heart's desire to see and focus on individuals.
2. Even when you are in a crowd look for individual need.

II. LISTEN DEEPLY TO THE NEED OF OTHERS (v 30)

1. It is easy to filter out the voices of need.
2. Often, the emotional need for someone to listen is greater than all other needs. Remember: LOVE LISTENS!

III. TAKE TIME TO BE PRESENT WITH OTHERS (v 32)

1. Jesus stood still; listen with your ears, eyes, and body.
2. "People" are your most important ministry.
3. Sometimes the need of the one outweighs the needs of the many!

IV. DETERMINE THE FELT NEEDS OF OTHERS (v 32)

1. Jesus asked them, "What do you want Me to do for you?"
2. Jesus teaches us to ask, "What do you need."

V. EMPATHIZE WITH OTHERS (v 34)

1. Jesus had compassion on them.
2. If you care...picture yourself there!

VI. TOUCH OTHERS WHERE THE HURT & NEED ARE GREATEST (v 34)

1. Jesus touched their eyes and gave them sight.
2. Jesus healed, fed, and cared for so many because He wanted them to hear His message of salvation.

Closing Thought:

Jesus calls us to be a servant just as He was a servant. (Matt 20:25-28)