

THE CHALLENGE OF RADICAL LOVE

FOUR TYPES OF LOVE

Philos: **BROTHERLY LOVE**

Storge: **FAMILIAL AFFECTION**

Eros: **SEXUAL/ROMANTIC**

AGAPE: Unconditional, selfless, God-like love

“Mostly what God does is love you. Keep company with him and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that.” Ephesians 5:2

Love is a **CHOICE** you make through the **ACTIONS** you take.

FOUR RADICAL CHOICES TO LOVE LIKE JESUS... MATTHEW 5-7

C₃ **HOOSE TO RESPOND PEACEFULLY**

“You have heard that the law of Moses says, ‘If an eye is injured, injure the eye of the person who did it. If a tooth gets knocked out, knock out the tooth of the person who did it.’ But I say, don't resist an evil person! If you are slapped on the right cheek, turn the other, too.” Matthew 5:38-39

C₃ **HOOSE TO FORGIVE FREELY**

“If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.” Matthew 6:14-15

“You have heard that the law of Moses says, ‘Love your neighbor’ and hate your enemy. But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! 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 on the unjust, too. If you love only those who love you, what good is that? Even corrupt tax collectors do that much. If you are kind only to your friends, how are you different from anyone else? Even Pagans do that. But you are to be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.” Matthew 5:43-48

C₃ **HOOSE TO VIEW OTHERS GRACIOUSLY**

Stop judging others, and you will not be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be

judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own? How can you think of saying 'Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,' when you can't see past the log in your own eye? Hypocrite! First get rid of the log from your own eye; then perhaps you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye." Matthew 7:1-5

C₃ CHOOSE TO LOVE SACRIFICIALLY

"Do for others what you would like them to do for you. This is a summary of all that is taught in the law and the prophets." Matthew 7:12

"Don't store up treasures here on earth, where they can be eaten by moths and get rusty, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where they will never become moth-eaten or rusty and where they will be safe from thieves. Wherever your treasure is, there your heart and thoughts will also be." Matthew 6:19-21