



Day 14 - Love by Example

Sunday, December 8, 2019

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” (John 13:34-35)

In the New Testament story of Christ, there are many examples in which Jesus demonstrated love. Miraculous stories of mercy and forgiveness toward people who were blind, disabled or had any number of infirmities. Jesus even spared the life of an adulterous woman from being stoned to death and forgave the people responsible for His own crucifixion. Societal stigmas or perception did not stop him from meeting with tax collectors, prostitutes and those considered unclean, many who would be considered castaways in today’s society. He viewed these people as those most in need of his help. Indeed Jesus was sent because of God’s great love for man and His desire to redeem man back to Himself (John 3:16). Earlier in John 13 at the Last Supper, Jesus, the one the disciples called Master, washed His disciples’ feet. It was a clear example to them of the humility and servitude they should show to one another. In John 13:34 He says, “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you so you must love one another.” Although the Old Testament commandments included loving your neighbor as yourself, the ‘new’ commandment was for the disciples to love each other in the perfect way that Jesus had shown His love for them. We must ask ourselves today whether we are walking in or striving to walk in the perfect love that Christ demonstrated.

Prayer: “Lord help me too let go of anything that is hindering me from loving others. Help me to be a living example of the kind of love that you demonstrated”.

Pray for God’s continued guidance, protection, provision and success for Cliffard Whitby (Bibb County 2020 mayoral candidate) and the Whitby2020 campaign team and supporters. Pray that God would grow and increase this movement and energize individuals to co-labor with us for positive change.