



MAXIMIZE THE MESSAGE

NO ORDINARY LOVE

AUGUST 7-8, 2010

IN A NUTSHELL

This month the Christ Fellowship youth displayed "no ordinary love" toward the precious people of Belle Glade as they served with the extravagant and unconditional love of Father God. An earthly father who loves God first is able to extend this same love to his children - repentant or not. The Prodigal son was the recipient of "No ordinary love".

TALK IT OUT

1. The Prodigal son spent his inheritance in reckless disregard and disrespect for his Father who lavished him with love and a portion of his estate, only to watch him walk out of his life. Read Luke 15:14. Reflect on your current situation and decide whether or not you may have squandered finances, talent, time or worship on something that might cause you to be in want now. How does that affect your relationship with God? With others?
2. Give examples and discuss the differences between ordinary love and extraordinary love. For example you might say, "Ordinary love is inviting a neighbor to attend a church service with you." Extraordinary love may be bringing that same neighbor a bag of groceries when you know he/she is out of work.
3. John 13:34, 35 Jesus gives a new commandment to love one another. How difficult is it for you to love the person who is constantly a source of frustration for you? How can you approach the challenge to love this person? Fill in the blank for a direct answer from the Lord, "Just as _____ have loved____, so_____should _____ one another."
4. The repentant prodigal son finally came to his senses and confessed his sin in Luke 15:21. In today's society, some might say that the Father enabled his son to take further advantage of him by receiving him back with open arms. What do you think? How would you respond?

DRAW IT OUT

Pastor Tom might agree with the following lyrics of a song by Christian hip-hop artist, Toby Mac: "Ordinary folks extraordinary love, something from above something we fall short of. You can't see with an untrained eye, but if you take a little time you are sure to find it. This ain't no ordinary love." Another way to sum it up according to John 15:13, "No one has greater love than to lay down his own life for his friends." **Now that ain't no ordinary love!**

LIVE IT

If you or anyone you know are single and looking to get connected, check out Christ Fellowship's Single's Ministry. They meet Saturday nights after service, have Life groups, and are doing powerful work in outreach as a team! You can get connected at <http://gochristfellowship.com/connect/singles>!

Also, ladies... plan on attending the Women's Annual Retreat Friday, August 27 and Saturday, August 28 at the Ft. Lauderdale Marriott Harbor Beach Hotel. Invite a friend to experience, 'A New Pair of Shoes (and a band-aid won't fix it)' women's retreat and God's extraordinary love.



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