



EXERCISE:

Read the four Bible texts and answer the four related questions.

Luke 15:11-32

John 3:14-17,

John 15:9-17

Matt 5:43-48, Joh 13:33-35

What do you learn in the four texts about applying Jesus' words?

Read the four stories and write down to whom Jesus is speaking and what He says about loving others. Write something down about the Father's love for us. Write something down about Jesus' love for us.

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Is there a difference between loving in the OT and the NT?

We read in the OT that Moses says an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. What do we read in the NT about loving others, even our enemies?

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Are there conditions to the love of Jesus?

Read John 15:9-17 through once more and describe the love about which Jesus is talking to the disciples. After having written that down, what does He then ask the disciples about loving others? Jesus speaks about a new commandment in John 13:33-35, what does He mean by this? What is old and what is new?

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You cannot give away what you have not received. In other words: if you do not receive the love of the Father, there is little to give away. What have you learned today about the love of the Father and what are you going to do with it? Who are your 'enemies'? What are you going to do with them?

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 Read the story from John 3:14-17 and John 13:33-35 once again and apply it to your own life. Is there a word from God for me personally in this text?

Is there a promise from the Father for my life?

Does Jesus ask me to do anything?

Decide to act upon this and ask Jesus to help you with this.

