SIMPLE FAITH

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Following Jesus is about loving <u>GOD</u>, loving <u>YOURSELF</u>, and loving your <u>NEIGHBOR</u>.

PROBLEM:

- We tend to focus on <u>WHAT</u> we're doing instead of <u>HOW</u> we're doing.
- We forget WHO we're doing it for.

Mark 12

One of the teachers of religious law was standing there listening to the debate. He realized that Jesus had answered well, so he asked, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" 29-30 Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' ³¹ The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these."

The 3 Commandments of Jesus.

- 1. Love GOD.
 - Loving God is putting GOD at the CENTER of your life.

Exodus 20

³ You shall have no other gods before me.

Loving God is <u>DOING</u> what He <u>SAYS</u>.

Luke 6

⁴⁶ Jesus said, "So why do you keep calling me 'Lord, Lord!' when you don't do what I say?"

2. Love YOURSELF.

Loving yourself is taking care of <u>YOURSELF</u>
before you take care of <u>OTHERS</u>.

Mark 12

- 31 "Love your neighbor AS yourself."
- Loving yourself is allowing God to <u>FILL</u> you so that you can <u>OVERFLOW</u> to others.

Romans 15

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

3. Love your NEIGHBOR.

Loving your neighbor is doing for <u>THEM</u>
what God has already done for <u>YOU</u>.

John 13

Jesus said, "So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. ³⁵ Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

Q: So... HOW are you doing? WHO are you doing it for?

Group Discussion.

Q: Why do you think faith has become complicated?

Q: What's 1 thing you can do today to get your life in order?

Q: What's 1 way you can show love to your neighbor today?

