

# jesUS: God's Love Compels US How Jesus' Love Personally Compels Us In Our Relationships Pastor Ryan Bunbury & Pastor Linaya Bunbury June 11, 2023

**SERIES TEXT**: This is how we know what love is: JesUS Christ laid down his life for US. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. 1 John 3:16 NIV

**SERIES BIG IDEA**: God's love compels US. Since God so loved US, we also ought to love one another.

# HOW JESUS' LOVE PERSONALLY COMPELS US IN OUR RELATIONSHPS

### I. GOD'S LOVE COMPELS US TO FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE.

Luke 15:1-10 MSG

# The Story of the Lost Sheep

<sup>1-3</sup> By this time a lot of men and women of questionable reputation were hanging around Jesus, listening intently. The Pharisees and religion scholars were not pleased, not at all pleased. They growled, "He takes in sinners and eats meals with them, treating them like old friends." Their grumbling triggered this story.

<sup>4-7</sup> "Suppose one of you had a hundred sheep and lost one. Wouldn't you leave the ninetynine in the wilderness and go after the lost one until you found it? When found, you can be sure you would put it across your shoulders, rejoicing, and when you got home call in your friends and neighbors, saying, 'Celebrate with me! I've found my lost sheep!' Count on it—there's more joy in heaven over one sinner's rescued life than over ninety-nine good people in no need of rescue.

# The Story of the Lost Coin

8-10 "Or imagine a woman who has ten coins and loses one. Won't she light a lamp and scour the house, looking in every nook and cranny until she finds it? And when she finds it you can be sure she'll call her friends and neighbors: 'Celebrate with me! I found my lost coin!' Count on it—that's the kind of party God's angels throw every time one lost soul turns to God."

God's example, through these parables, that we must follow:

- He values the one, so we value the one.
- He is persistent, so we are persistent.
- He celebrates, so we celebrate.

### II. GOD'S LOVE COMPELS US TO TRAIN A TIMOTHY.

Acts 16:1-5 (NIV)

- 1) He came to Derbe and then to Lystra, where a disciple named TIMOTHY lived, whose mother was a Jewess and a believer, but whose father was a Greek.
- 2) The brothers at Lystra and Iconium spoke well of him.
- 3) PAUL WANTED TO TAKE HIM ALONG ON THE JOURNEY, so he circumcised him because of the Jews who lived in that area, for they all know that his father was a Greek.
- 4) As they traveled from town to town, they delivered the decisions reached by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem for the people to obey.
- 5) So the churches were STRENGTHENED IN THE FAITH and GREW DAILY IN NUMBERS.

- If disciples making disciples always results in Church growth, is Calvary showing signs of this happening?
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# TWO Compelling Discipleship Questions:

- 1) Who is your apprentice? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) When did you last meet with them?

## Paul & Timothy's FIVE Steps of Apprenticeship:

Step #1: I do, you watch, we talk about it.

Step #2: I do, you help, we talk about it.

Step #3: You do, I help, we talk about it.

Step #4: You do, I watch, we talk about it.

Step #5: You repeat the process with someone else.

### SALVATION PRAYER:

Dear Jesus, I repent of my sin. Please be my Savior and Lord. In Jesus' Name, Amen

