



IT'S ALL ABOUT LOVE
James 2:14-17

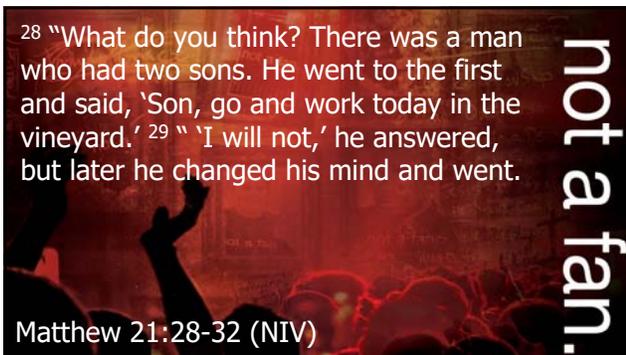
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**INTRO: WILL YOU OR
WON'T YOU?**

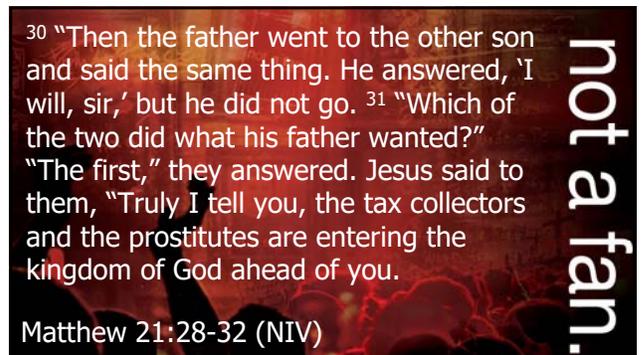
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²⁸ "What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.' ²⁹ " 'I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

Matthew 21:28-32 (NIV)

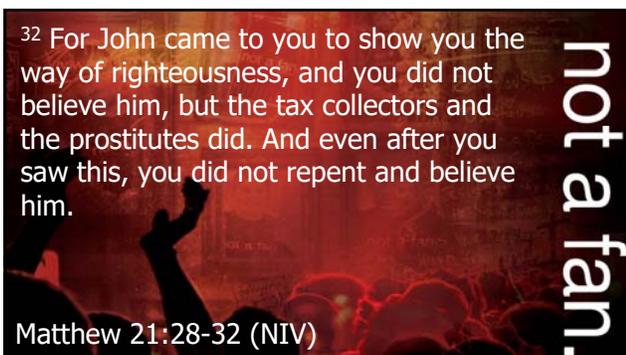
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³⁰ "Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go. ³¹ "Which of the two did what his father wanted?" "The first," they answered. Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you.

Matthew 21:28-32 (NIV)

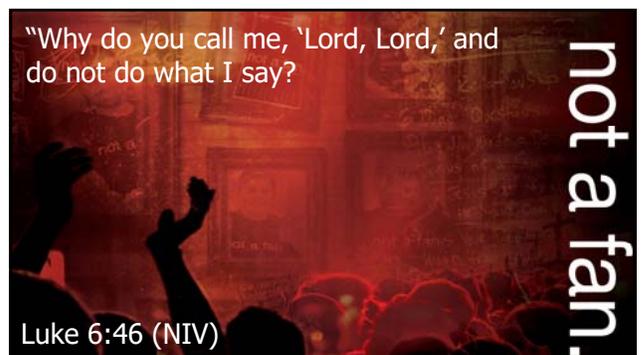
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³² For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

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"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?"

Luke 6:46 (NIV)

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**1. DO YOU ACT
IN LOVE?**

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²¹ "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' ²³ Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

Matthew 7:21-23 (NIV)

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Because of the signs it was given power to perform on behalf of the first beast, it deceived the inhabitants of the earth. It ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived.

Revelation 13:14 (NIV)

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¹ If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 (NIV)

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They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good.

Titus 1:16 (NIV)

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**2. IS YOUR FAITH
ACCOMPANIED BY
LOVING DEEDS?**

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¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? ¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

James 2:14-17 (NIV)

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¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

1 John 3:17-18 (NIV)

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I am often, I believe, praying for others when I should be doing things for them. It's so much easier to pray for a bore than to go and see him.

-- C. S. Lewis in Letters to Malcolm.

Our faith becomes practical when it is expressed in two books: the date book and the bank book.

-- Elton Trueblood

It has been said that separating faith and works is like trying to separate the heat and light from a candle.



Faith in God is not just believing he exists, but doing what he says because you believe he will keep his promises.

-- B. Clayton Bell

The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

Galatians 5:6 (NIV)

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3. ARE YOU ON THE RIGHT ROAD?

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¹³ "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

Matthew 7:13-14 (NIV)

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²⁷ Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, ²⁸ so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

Hebrews 9:27-28 (NIV)

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*Dear God.
 Thank you for sending Jesus to die for my sin. I want to give you control of my life. Please forgive my sins and give me the gift of the Holy Spirit and eternal life. Help me to know you better and to learn from the Bible how I can live a life that pleases you and helps others. Amen.*

If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

James 4:17 (NIV)

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We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 1:3 (NIV)

**CONC:
 TRUST AND OBEY**

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1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word, what a glory he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.

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Refrain:
 Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

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2. Not a burden we bear,
not a sorrow we share,
but our toil he doth richly repay;
not a grief or a loss,
not a frown or a cross,
but is blest if we trust and obey.

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3. But we never can prove
the delights of his love
until all on the altar we lay;
for the favor he shows,
for the joy he bestows,
are for them who will trust and obey.

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4. Then in fellowship sweet
we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way;
what he says we will do,
where he sends we will go;
never fear, only trust and obey.

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And when the LORD sent you out from Kadesh Barnea, he said, "Go up and take possession of the land I have given you." But you rebelled against the command of the LORD your God. You did not trust him or obey him.

Deuteronomy 9:23 (NIV)

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1. DO YOU ACT IN LOVE?
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Growing Point

FOLLOW-THROUGH GUIDE
WEEK OF NOVEMBER 4, 2018
IT'S ALL ABOUT LOVE
James 2:14-17

MEMORABLE VERSE:
TODAY'S ACTION:
JAMES 2:14-17
NOTE: Verse 14 is not accompanied by action, it is only by verse 17.

It's not only important what you do but why you do it. The Bible teaches us about that which without love amounts to nothing (1 Cor. 13). It's possible for people to do good things to achieve respect. It just isn't what the Lord desires and our hearts in that spirit (1 Cor. 13:3). We find delight in our actions and our hearts in the joy to see our neighbor as we love our self.

MEMORABLE VERSE	YOUR NOTES & ACTION STEPS
MONDAY James 2:14-17	
TUESDAY 2 Corinthians 13:14	
WEDNESDAY James 2:14-17	Remember your father from Sunday's message! Remember the action steps and discuss your notes brought on your "Learning Point".
THURSDAY James 2:14-17	
FRIDAY 2 Peter 1:12-14	

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Follow-Through Guide



<p>Psalm 139:23-24 (NIV) ²³Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. ²⁴See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.</p>	
<p>James 4:17 (NIV) Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.</p>	<p>Proverbs 28:13 (NIV) He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.</p>