



*“Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.” John 15:13*

How does love show itself? What does it look like? Does simply saying I love you have any meaning? I will never forget a conversation I had with a prison inmate who had been locked up for over 20 years. He had not received a letter or card from his family for an exceptionally long time. Sometimes years would pass before he would receive a note. However, when they finally wrote they would always apologize and say they would write more often but would never follow through and they would always end their notes with I love you. What he had concluded was they really did not love him, they were lying. Love is a strong word but if it is not backed up with action, it is just a word. Do not tell me you love me show me.

Jesus died for us because of the great love He has for His people. Jesus created everything in this world including you and me. “All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.” John 1:3-4. In Love, God, through Jesus, created this world and all of us. “We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.” 1 John 4:16. We all were created in God’s image. “Then God said, let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” Genesis 1:26. God is love, and because He created us in His image, love is in our DNA. God created us, out of His abundant love, for relationship with Him and all mankind.

When Jesus walked this earth, he did not just tell you He loved you He showed you. He gave up His life, even death on a cross, to show you how much He loved you. Jesus died to restore our relationship with Him. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ate the forbidden fruit, that changed our DNA, and ushered in sin and rebellion in our heart and separated us from God. Ever since the fall of man, God has been desiring to heal our heart. He will never give up, but He is also a gentleman, and will not force Himself on you. “Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come into him and will dine with him and he with me.” Revelation 3:20. If you have never opened that door, I pray you will do it before your head hits the pillow tonight.

Let us all love more with action than mere words. Do not just tell someone you love them, show them.

