

TALK IT OVER

Love Beyond Limits

BOTTOM LINE

Love and forgiveness as Jesus describes is simply impossible without Him.

CONVERSATION STARTER

What has been your favorite summer “thing” so far? What do you anticipate?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointe.org/thedaily
- Andy Stanley - 12 minutes on the [love and grace of Jesus](#)

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor’ and ‘hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemy and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be like your Father in heaven, since he causes the sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Even the tax collectors do the same, don’t they? And if you only greet your brothers, what more do you do? Even the Gentiles do the same, don’t they? So then, be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” Matthew 5:43-48 NET

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:5 NIV

“You are not called to blend in; you are called to stand out.”

“Your words make the impossible possible. Whatever you say is not bound by anything. If your words call me out on the water, then walking on the water has more life than staying on the boat.”

– Quotes by Jonathan Wood

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What are the areas where you realize Christians add to what God has said? What are things you have “always” heard, said, thought, or believed that need re-examined in the light of Jesus? Can you identify areas where you have changed your perspective because of following Him more closely? Is there any area where Jesus might ask, how are you loving and caring for your “enemies” any more than an ordinary person does who doesn’t know Me? As the presidential campaign approaches, how can we “stand out” in love instead of blending in? What might be some “old coats” that must be removed in order to love with authenticity and freedom? If getting out of the boat to walk on water represents a love challenge that can only be accomplished with the power of Jesus, how might Jesus be inviting NewPointe to walk with Him? How might Jesus be calling you to step out in His power to love someone in a way you cannot do alone? What will it mean for you to truly abide in Him?

ACTION STEPS

I will obey the voice of Jesus and follow His example to increase my love without limits by ... _____

I will abide in Him more fully by ... _____