

SERMON NOTES

Series: Seven Last Words
of Christ (3)

Title: The Word of Love

Text: John 19:25-27

Topic: Family, Relationships

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“Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister Mary, the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple (John) whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, ‘Dear woman, here is your son,’ and to the disciple, ‘Here is your mother.’ From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.” John 19:25-27

If we are going to love like Jesus we must...

1. CARE FOR **YOUR FAMILY**.

Love is something you **do**, not just something you **say**.

a. Love pays **attention**.

“Honor your father and mother.” Exodus 20:12

b. love provides for **needs**.

“Show respect for widows who really are all alone. But if a widow has children or grandchildren, they should learn first to carry out their religious duties they are to care for each other and in this way repay their parents and grandparents, because that is what pleases God.” 1 Timothy 5:3-4

“If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.” 1 Timothy 5:8

2. TREAT OTHER **BELIEVERS** AS MY FAMILY.

Spiritual bonds outlast **physical** bonds.

“Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and my sister and my mother.” Matthew 12:49

3. I MUST SEE **OTHER’S PAIN** WHEN I’M IN PAIN.

When we’re in pain, we become **self-absorbed**.

“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.”
Philippians 2:5

4. MEET OTHER’S NEEDS EVEN **WHEN MINE AREN’T MET**.

“Friends love through all kinds of weather, and families stick together in all kinds of trouble.” Proverbs 17:17 (MSG)

There is nothing that you will do that is so important that it gives you the right to **ignore your family**.