

Dig Deeper Devotional

The Love Question: A Courage That Points to Eternity



Opening Prayer

Father God,

You are love—perfect, sacrificial, and eternal. You demonstrated love not in words alone, but in action through Jesus Christ. Yet I confess that too often my love remains comfortable, quiet, and contained. Give me the courage to love the way You love. Not just in kindness, but in truth. Not just in presence, but in purpose. Help me to care deeply about where others stand with You. Remove fear, hesitation, and uncertainty. Replace them with boldness, wisdom, and compassion. Let my words reflect Your heart. Let my actions reflect Your truth. Teach me to love in a way that carries eternal impact.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Scripture Foundation

NIV – Gospel of John 15:13

“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

KJV – John 15:13

“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”

Teaching & Insight

Love is one of the most used—and most misunderstood—words in our world today. We say we love many things: people, activities, possessions, experiences. The word is stretched across preferences, emotions, and desires until its meaning becomes diluted. But Scripture defines love differently. Biblical love is not centered on feeling—it is centered on sacrifice, truth, and eternal concern. When Jesus speaks of love in John 15, He defines it through action: laying down one’s life for another. This is not symbolic—it is intentional, costly, and purposeful. Yet there is a deeper layer to

consider.

What if love is not only demonstrated in physical sacrifice—but also in spiritual courage?

There is a question—simple, direct, and powerful—that reveals where someone stands eternally:

“Where do you stand with Jesus?”

This question carries weight because it moves beyond surface-level conversation and into eternal reality.

Many people will respond with:

- “I go to church.”
- “I grew up in faith.”
- “My family believes.”

But these answers often reveal avoidance rather than clarity. Because the real issue is not association—it is relationship. Asking this question is not about confrontation—it is about care.

It says:

- I value your eternity
- I care about your soul
- I am willing to risk discomfort for your good

This is not always easy.

Fear rises:

- What if they reject me?
- What if I say it wrong?
- What if it creates tension?

But consider the alternative: Silence.

Silence may feel safe—but it carries no eternal impact. Love, in its truest form, does not remain silent when eternity is at stake. However, how we ask matters just as much as if

we ask.

The question must be asked:

- With humility, not pride
- With compassion, not pressure
- With sincerity, not performance

Your tone, posture, and presence communicate just as much as your words. And understand this: You are not responsible for their response. You are responsible for your obedience.

The Holy Spirit does the work of transformation.

You simply open the door.

The “Love Question” is not about winning an argument—it is about opening a path. A path that may lead someone from uncertainty to truth. From distance to relationship. From lost... to saved.

That is love.

DEED / ACTION

Today, take one intentional step toward loving with courage:

Step 1: Identify One Person

- Someone you care about
- Someone whose faith is unclear

Step 2: Prepare Your Heart

- Pray for humility
- Pray for boldness
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide the conversation

Step 3: Ask the Question

In the right setting, with sincerity:

“Can I ask you something important? Where do you stand with Jesus?”

Then listen. Do not interrupt. Do not correct immediately.

Let the conversation unfold.



Pause & Reflect

- Do I truly believe eternity is at stake for those around me?
- What fear is preventing me from asking this question?
- If I say nothing, what might be the cost?

Sit with this honestly. Let conviction move you toward action.

Hebrew Insight

- אהב (Ahav) — “To love”
 - A love expressed through action, commitment, and covenant
 - Not passive emotion, but intentional care

True love acts—even when it is uncomfortable.

Greek Insight

- ἀγάπη (Agápē) — “Selfless, sacrificial love”
 - The highest form of love
 - Seeks the good of another above self
- μαρτυρέω (Martyreō) — “To bear witness”
 - To testify to truth through word and life

Love and witness are inseparable in the life of a believer.

Closing Prayer

Lord,

Teach me to love with courage.

Remove hesitation from my heart. Replace fear with faith. Help me to care deeply enough about others that I am willing to ask hard questions with compassion and truth.

Guide my words. Prepare the hearts of those I speak to. And remind me that You are already at work before I ever speak.

Let my life reflect a love that is not silent—but active, bold, and eternal.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Final Charge

Love is not always comfortable—but it is always intentional.

Care enough to ask the question—and trust God with the answer.

Sources

- The Holy Bible
- Strong's Concordance
- Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew Lexicon
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