



CRUCIAL CONVERSATIONS

TODAY'S READING: JOHN 13:18-38
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SCRIPTURE: IS THERE A VERSE(S) THAT STOOD OUT TO ME?

John 13:33-35 – “Dear children, I will be with you only a little longer. And as I told the Jewish leaders, you will search for me, but you can't come where I am going. So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”

OBSERVATION: WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO ME?

Before Jesus was arrested, He began to tell the disciples many things about what was to come. The disciples seemed to be confused with much of what He was saying and he didn't further explain what would happen, but Jesus was explicit about ONE thing: the disciples' role and the command He wanted them to obey. “Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.” This makes me ask questions like, “Am I loving other believers like Jesus would?” “Does the way I treat them reflect Jesus?” “Do I sacrifice my time, money, comforts, and life for people?” “Will people who are far from God know I am a follower of Christ by the way I treat others?” “As a believer, what makes me different than all the rest of the people in this world?”

APPLICATION: WHAT AM I GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

It starts with loving, caring, and serving the people who are part of my circle. The Movement staff, KOM team, my Move Group, my Huddle, my own family, and other believers who aren't even a part of Movement. Jesus kind of love; sacrificial love! So this week, I will be intentional about allowing the Spirit to lead me to look for ways to sacrifice my money, time, comfort, and busy life in order to love the people who are in my life.

PRAYER: HOW CAN GOD HELP ME LIVE THIS OUT?

Father, I confess that I don't always love like you love. Please forgive me for being selfish with my money, time, comforts, and everything else that you've given me. Help my eyes to see where I can meet a need this week, serve a family, give up something I want to do in order to help someone else with what they need done. Help me to be more like you in order to point this lost world to YOU! In Jesus name, I pray all this! Amen!