

Life Skills Class

Our Wednesday night Youth Life Skills classes with Tom are taking a break for the summer.

Watch for classes to resume in August.

the world.

We said that spreading the Gospel to only other believers makes no sense and does not fulfill our calling to spread God's word to EVERYONE so that ALL may be saved.

Finally, we took a look at what Paul had to say to the Church in Rome in **Romans 13:8-10**. Paul tells us that loving others is not something done only once but should be something that is done continuously every day.

He also repeats what Jesus said last week that when you love your neighbor as yourself, you fulfill all of God's commandments because love does no harm.

We noted that love is not just a word but is an action. Just saying that you love others is very different than actually showing your love for others.

We talked about how difficult it can be to show love for some people as Jesus told us to do and then watched a **short video clip** (included below) showing that not only can it be done but also what can happen when you really do show love to all people.

The video showed confessed serial killer of 49 women, Gary Ridgway, sitting stone faced and emotionless in the courtroom as family members of the victims confronted him one after the other with their anger and hate toward him.

Then, the father of one of the women Ridgway murdered told him that he did make it difficult for him to follow his faith but he did NOT hate him and he forgave him as God said to do.

At that moment, Ridgway was seen to actually cry. The full documentary said that he had been completely emotionless with no feelings about what he had done until that moment in the courtroom when he was forgiven by a victim's father. From that moment, he began to show remorse and regret for what he had done to those women.

That one person showing God's love to somebody who clearly felt they did not deserve it was actually able to open up his hardened heart to God and allow him to repent for what he had done.

We also noted the difference in the victim's families. While

most were full of anger, bitterness and hate, the one man who forgave him appeared to be calm and at peace.

We said that showing God's love to others not only has the ability to change them but to change you as well.

We also said that there is just no way we can show such love on our own and that's okay, God does not expect us to, that's why He sent us the Holy Spirit to help us and give us strength.

We said that fortunately, most of us will likely not have to go through such an extreme case but showing God's love to anyone in our lives who are difficult or seemingly impossible to love has the same result and the Holy Spirit will still be there to help us through it and give us strength.

Challenge: This week's challenge is to identify somebody in your life who is "difficult to love" and ask the Holy Spirit for help and strength to actually show them love and continue to show them love. We mentioned that our love may not be received well (if at all) but our part is only to show them love. How they react or receive it is not our responsibility. It is up to them and it is between them and God.

Join us next time as we continue talking about what Jesus had to say about loving the least of us.



Video Clip

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Bible verses referenced in this lesson: Matthew 5:43-48, Romans 13:8-10

Let us know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed Week,

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