

Crazy Love

Growing FURTHER—*Cultivating a LIFE of Eternal Impact!*

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Matthew 5:14-16 ~ I Cor. 9:19-23 ~ II Cor. 5:18-20

Introduction—Do I recognize the *eternal* gravity of my every encounter?

* C.S. Lewis—“You have never talked to a *mere* mortal!”

3 Metaphors

1) LIGHT—shinning in the darkness (Matthew 5:14-16)

- Night has fallen on the world. And we are it's light!
- The pervasive nature of darkness:
 - It imprisons, breaks, leaves empty, burdens, neutralizes, life-taking
- If God's Crazy Love has found you...it will begin to find others through you!
- Are those around you asking about the hope that is within you?

*** JESUS as the True Light of the World**

- John 1:4-9→ Jesus is the light!
- John 8:12→ Jesus—“I AM the light of the World!”
- John 12:36→ Believe in the light...that you may become sons of light!

2) SERVANT—in contact with those outside the faith (I Corinthians 9:19-23)

- Are you *incarnating* your life into the worlds of those around you?
- * JESUS as the Ultimate Servant**
 - Hebrews 2:14, 17—He became like us!
 - Phil. 2:6-8—Though God, Jesus took the form of a servant identifying with us!
- What would it look like to build a bridge toward someone who is outside the faith?

3) AMBASSADOR—available to be used by God (II Corinthians 5:18-20)

- God has chosen to reach His world...through us...through you!!
- Am embracing my vocation as Christ's ambassador to anyone?
- JESUS as the First Ambassador**
 - Sent by the Father to provide reconciliation.
- Are you growing Further with God's passion for the world?

Reflection Questions

Have I embraced my role as the LIGHT for those around me?

How might I become a SERVANT to those around me?

Am I expecting God to reach those around me...through me?