



ROTC LIFE AND FAITH: #7 - LOVE OTHERS

DISCIPLESHIP SERIES: SESSION SEVEN

Love Others

The military and your faith require that you love and serve others.

In the military, how important is it to trust and care for those with whom you work?

How would you define Love?

“Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.” -Jesus

Where do you learn about what love is?

The night before Jesus was crucified, He turned to His disciples and emphasized that they should love one another. He would no longer be physically present with them, so He made sure they understood that the key to their survival physically and spiritually was that they would have to love one another in a new way. That new way was demonstrated in how Jesus loved them while He was with them.

What person in your life has best demonstrated to you what love is? What have they taught you about love?



We learn to love by watching others.

The ultimate expression of love is to reflect Christ's love to others.

I. Love is a Reflection of Christ's Love.

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” - John 13:34-35

Love is a **COMMAND**. - *“a new commandment”*

When you join the military, one of the first principles that you are taught is to work with others. You are no longer to look out for yourself, but you are to consider others in everything you do.

Jesus gives us a command. We are to love one another. How are we to know how to love one another?

Love is a **PERSON**. - *“as I have loved you”*

We know what love is by knowing Jesus. The best way to learn about love is to study the life of Christ. He defines love by what He says and does.



What do you know about Jesus' love for us that defines what love is?

Love is a **TESTIMONY**. - *“By this all men will know that you are my disciples”*

If Jesus is love and you love others like He loves, then others will see who Jesus is through you.

How would loving like Jesus loves be a testimony to those around you? How is it different from the love that comes from man?

II. Love other Christians as Jesus loves you.

How important is it to love and trust the men and women you will go with to war?

What is your commitment level to them?

Jesus tells us to love one another as He has loved us.

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Jesus makes it clear that we are to devote ourselves to one another in love so that we may encourage each other to live for Jesus in a world that opposes him.

List 3 reasons you are motivated to love other Christians.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

The New Testament is filled with "one another" passages. They explain how Christians are to treat one another. Take a look at these and discuss the answers to the question.

Verse	What will this look like in your life?
Romans 12:10	
Philippians 2:3	
1 Thessalonians 5:11	
Ephesians 4:32	



Through these studies, we have seen that we should love Jesus first and that we should love other Christians as Jesus loves us. What is our responsibility to the rest of the people in the world?

III. Love the world by revealing the Love of Jesus through your words and actions.

Even in the midst of war, the United States has strived to reveal its goodness to the countries they battle. In a WWI Bible issued to soldiers, Theodore Roosevelt wrote,

***Do Justice;** and therefore fight valiantly against the armies of Germany and Turkey.
Love Mercy; treat prisoners well, succor the wounded, treat every woman as if she was your sister, care for the little children, and be tender to the old and helpless.
Walk Humbly; you will do so if you study the life and teachings of the Saviour.
May the God of justice and mercy have you in His keeping. - June 5th, 1917*

What you say and do as a military person reflects on America. What is it that you would like people around the world to think about America?



Our responsibility as disciples of Jesus is to show the world who Jesus is through our words and actions.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.
- Acts 1:8

How can you be a witness to others so that they can see who Jesus is through your life?

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, - 1 Peter 3:15

How can you tell others about how much Jesus loves them?

What can you say or do this week to a witness of the person of Jesus to those around you?

Be a Disciple

Make Disciples

You have completed a study on the character qualities of a disciple of Jesus. The challenge of the Bible revealed in these studies is to **BE** a disciple of Jesus. As you are being a disciple of Jesus, you are to **MAKE** disciples of Jesus. Just as ROTC teaches you so that you can teach others, so you are to teach others to be disciples of Jesus.

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. -Matthew 28:19-20