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Series – Good Habits With Giving Christ More in 2024, part 4

Message Summary: Sacrifice is the ultimate biblical expression of love. How can we as Jesus followers understand and embrace sacrifice as a daily occurrence? What are the steps to sacrifice as a habit? The Bible shows us that though there is a cost to following Jesus, we can find safety in our sacrifice for Him.

The Habit of Sacrifice

Romans 12:1

1. Step One - Let God Love You.

- A. Jesus came to show you the Father's Love. (John 3:16)**
- B. The Father's love was revealed through the cross. (Hebrews 12:2)**

2. Step Two - Can't Love God Without Loving Others.

- A. The greatest commandment is twofold. (Matthew 22:37-40)**
- B. Obedience to God involves loving others. (John 15:9-14)**

3. Step Three - The Offering of Inconvenience.

- A. Seek to discover the needs of others. (Philippians 2:4)**
- B. Don't let fear keep us from being Good Samaritans.**

4. Step Four - Safety of Sacrifice.

- A. Making your life worth it (Acts 20:24)**
- B. There is safety in the carrying our cross (Matthew 16:24)**

Life Group Questions:

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BEGIN IT (5min) - Time spent in praise and prayer.

OPEN IT (10min) - What's one sacrifice other than Jesus that has shaped your life?

EXPLORE IT (60 min) - Review the 4 Steps from Sunday's message and answer the following questions.

1. Share about a moment where you felt God's love in a powerful way? What did it make you want to do?
2. When, for you personally, is it hard to love someone? What will it take to love even when it's hard?
3. What are ways we can look more like the Good Samaritan vs the religious leaders?
4. Think about Paul's life, what inspires you most about the way he lived for Jesus?

APPLY IT (15min) - What is one practical way that you can go out of your way this week to meet the needs of others?