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Our lives will come in line with Jesus' mission when his love flows out of us to others, and we put THEM BEFORE US.

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Love Them Like Jesus

Have you wondered what you can do to help your family and friends who haven't started following Jesus yet? Don't miss a single message in Pastor Mark's series, Love Them Like Jesus. You'll discover the five habits of highly missional people. The best news is that every one of the habits is enjoyable for both your loved ones and for you.

William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, had a vision.

Link to video of "William Booth's Vision":

<https://youtu.be/L2PigSVODXk>

That's a powerful vision. Isn't it?

The Beautiful Being from heaven is Jesus.

What groups of people were in the vision?

Which of the groups do you belong to?

Today's Sermon in a Sentence:

Jesus' love compels us to release our rights not to demand our rights.

Philippians 2:5-8 NIV

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!

This is the PRINCIPLE that shapes the relationships of every follower of Jesus.

1 Corinthians 9:19-23 NIV

Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

This is one PRACTICAL APPLICATION of the PRINCIPLE of putting Them Before Us.

Philippians 2:9-11 NIV

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

WHAT ARE YOU WILLING TO SACRIFICE TO WIN ONE PERSON?

Too many Christians exhibit signs of "good-enough-itis." The symptoms of this disease cause no discomfort to the ones with it. The most obvious sign of "good-enough-itis" is the thought that all people should come to Jesus as they did. In other words, "if it was good enough for me, it's good enough for them." Or, to put it more bluntly, "if they don't like what I like, then they can just die without Jesus." But Jesus calls his followers to put THEM BEFORE US. His love compels us to release our rights not to demand our rights.

Take a few moments now to prayerfully ponder what you are willing to sacrifice to see one person transformed by Jesus' grace.