

THE SACRIFICE OF YEARS





Matthew 22:36–40

[36] “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” [37] And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. [38] This is the great and first commandment. [39] And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. [40] On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” (ESV)



Philippians 2:12–13

[12] Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, [13] for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. (ESV)



Why do you struggle with loving your neighbor as yourself?



- SINNERS RECONCILED TO GOD
- THIEVES RECONCILED TO THEIR VICTIMS
- GRIEF ABATED AND SOFTENED AT THE LOSS OF A CHILD
- UNITY OF MOURNING AT INFERTILITY
- SEXUAL ADDICTION OVERCOME
- SELFISH PARENTING ABANDONED
- A SHARP-TONGUED SPOUSE REBUKED, then REPENTANCE
- CHILDREN LITERALLY PURCHASED FROM TRIAL AND BONDAGE
- TENS OF THOUSAND OF DOLLARS HAVE CHANGED HANDS FOR FOOD, CLOTHES, RENT, MORTGAGE, DOCTORS, ON AND ON

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3. Discuss with someone you trust, "what would I have to give up to "love my neighbor as myself"?"



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