Loving Like a True Friend
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Jesus: *"I'm giving you a new commandment: Love each other in the same way that I have loved you."* John 13:34 (GW)

"I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you!"
John 13:15 (NLT)

1. __ACCEPT OTHERS___LIKE JESUS ___ACCEPTS ME___
"The Father gives me my people. Every one of them will come to me, and I WILL ALWAYS ACCEPT THEM." John 6:37 (NCV)

"Even if my mother and father forsake me, the Lord will receive me."
Ps. 27:10 (NIV)

"*Jesus treated us much better than we deserve. He made us acceptable to God and gave us the hope of eternal life."* Titus 3:7 (CEV)

God did not send his son into the world to condemn it, but to save it.
John 3:17 (NLT)

"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you." Rom. 15:7 (NIV)

"We must bear the "burden" of being considerate of the doubts and fears of others..."
Rom. 15:2a (LB)

Action Step

This week I will show acceptance to_____
Someone who irritates you or is hard to love

2. ___VALUE OTHERS___ LIKE JESUS ___VALUES ME_____
"Are not five sparrows sold for two small coins? Yet not one of them has escaped the notice of God. Even the hairs of your head have all been counted! Do not be afraid. You are worth far more than many sparrows." Luke 12:6-7 (NAB)

VALUE DEPENDS ON __WHO MADE IT___
Everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving. 1Timothy 4:4 (NIV)

"*For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."* Eph. 2:10 (NIV)

VALUE DEPENDS ON ___WHAT SOMEONE WILL PAY FOR IT___
" He paid for you with the precious lifeblood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God." 1 Peter 1:19 (NLT)

"Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you. See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands!" Isaiah 49:15-16 (NIV)

"Treat everyone you meet with dignity." 1 Peter 2:17 (MSG)

Jesus looked at him and loved him. Mark 10:21 (NIV)

Action Step

This week I will affirm the value of_____
Someone who has low self-worth

3. __FORGIVE OTHERS ___LIKE JESUS __FORGIVES ME____

"I am the God who forgives your sins, and I do this because of who I am. I will not hold your sins against you." Isa. 43:25 (GN)

Long ago, even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. Ephesians 1:4 (NLT)

"There is now NO condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." Rom. 8:1 (NIV)

"This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." Matt. 26:28 (NIV)

"You must make allowance for each other's faults and forgive the person who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others." Col. 3:13 (NLT)

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven." Luke 6:37 (NIV)

"Shouldn't you have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?" Matt. 18:33 (NLT)

Action Step

This week I will offer forgiveness to_____
Someone who has hurt you or is carrying a load of guilt or shame

4. _BELIEVE IN OTHERS __LIKE JESUS __THE WAY JESUS BELIEVES IN ME_

If you love someone, you will be loyal to him no matter what the cost. You will always believe in him, always expect the best of him, and always stand your ground in defending him. 1 Corinthians 13:7 (LB)

"As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world." John 17:18 (NIV)

If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you. Matt. 17:20 (NIV)

Jesus said, "Everything is possible for him who believes." Mark 9:23 (NIV)

"Then Jesus told them, "I assure you, if you have faith and don't doubt you can do things like this and much more…" Matt. 21:21 (NLT)

"The truth is, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father." John 14:12 (NLT)

"I want us to help each other with the faith we have. Your faith will help me, and my faith will help you." Rom. 1:12 (NCV)

"Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds." Heb. 10:24 (NIV)

Action Step

This week I will demonstrate trust in_____

Someone you see has potential for growth: "I believe in you!"

"May you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love really is." Eph. 3:18 (NLT)