

## DEVOTION EIGHT.

### What would Jesus do? [ PART ONE ]



Today I want you think hard about this question: "What would Jesus do?" Perhaps, you need to firstly begin at the question "who was Jesus?" before we can answer this. Historically we know that Jesus was not some mythical legend made up by a bygone religion because we have solid proof from other historical documents of his existence. We also know that His coming to the world was foretold in other books in the bible that date back centuries before he walked the earth. But all that doesn't help us with the big question. What we really want to know and be putting in to practice is, how would Jesus respond in this current state of affairs of having to deal with self-isolation, empty food shelves, needy neighbours, social distancing? And for that we can read the many accounts from the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John).

If we take a look at everything that Jesus stood for and how you might describe his character, we start to paint a pretty good picture of perhaps what we are seeing through human efforts in the world around us today.

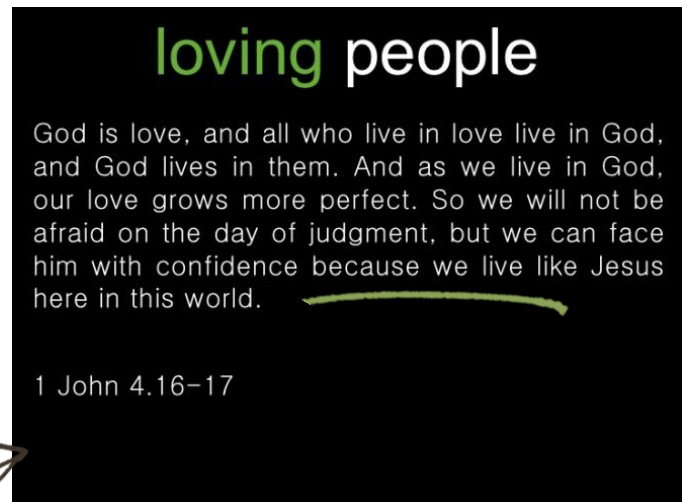
**KINDNESS** – People watching out for one another in the community, providing shopping or someone to chat to (Jesus washed the disciples feet.)

**GENEROSITY** – Sacrificing things that might benefit someone more and not hoarding all the supplies from your local shop (Jesus taught us, if you have 2 coats, give one to a friend in need... the same could be applied to toilet roll. Just saying!)

**ACCEPTANCE** – Befriending someone from your class who might not have anyone to connect with. (Jesus reached out to Zacchaeus, the leper, the widow, the blind etc.)

**ENCOURAGEMENT**- What have you done today to build someone up or stir them to get out of bed? (Jesus was brilliant at getting the best out of people, he also challenged where it was needed)

**LOVE** – Are you doing everything out of love or are you doing it out of a sense of duty? Is there something stirring within you that needs to bring balance to this broken world? Is your heart aching because it feels for the people who end up worse out of this pandemic? Then this is love and it would help you to know that...



You see, because we have the love of God in us, it is only natural for us to want to give it out where and whenever possible. It takes building our lives rooted in God to enable our love to flow towards perfection.

What is also interesting to pick up on is as you continue to read into 1 John 4:18 it reads:

<sup>18</sup> "There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear!"

How amazing would it be to be able to claim that in your own life? To know the love of God so much that you are unstoppable! It is fear that holds us back from fully being the person that God has created you to be.



**HOLY SPIRIT** (Lyrics)- Bryan & Katie Torwalt

Spend some time listening to this song, knowing that God is with you, he loves you and wants you to know this love more and more each day. A love that casts out all fear!!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LaRH0ItRfZg>



Pray for Holy Spirit to fill you to overflowing that His presence would be evident in your life to all you interact with

