

Him Crucified

1 Corinthians 2:2

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MAIN POINT: Sacrificial Love is the Power of God

1. Where do you see in our culture the definition of power in a “tug of war” my will over your will way? Do you see anything in our culture that defines power as sacrificial love? If not, why? See Mark 14:35-36. Jesus prays in a garden “not my will but your will be done” while Adam/Eve in the garden said in effect “my will be done.” Discuss the difference between these two statements and how our culture reflects one rather than the other.
2. Often an obstacle to loving others/forgiving others is that we don't want to be taken advantage of. When have you experienced your love/forgiveness be taken advantaged of? How did that make you feel? Did it hinder you from loving the next time? How do you keep loving and forgiving even when people have taken advantage of it? See Matthew 18:21-35.
3. Our culture often defines love by giving the other person whatever they want. How do we love someone while pointing to the truth, which might mean not giving them whatever they want? How do we balance love with truth? When we point to the truth in love, how is that not a selfish power struggle? Can it still be considered sacrificial love? See Ephesians 4:15-16.
4. How does living a sacrificial life inspire Christ-likeness? Have you ever had a time when you were inspired by the sacrificial actions of another? Share the story and explain why their actions had the impact it had on you. See Ephesians 5:1-2