

SERMON NOTES

7.23.20 & 7.26.20

Love Does Not Insist On It's Own Way | Russ Allen

1 Corinthians 13:5a

Main Point: Love does not insist on it's own way

Why does Paul make this statement?

1. Selfishness rejects the good of others (James 3:16) - it is the opposite of love
2. Selfishness comes naturally (Isaiah 53:6) - selfless love does not

How should we respond?

1. Look to the cross
 - a. Jesus' example on the cross (1 John 3:16)
 - b. The work accomplished through the cross (Hebrews 12:1-2)

Questions for Discussion & Reflection

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1. What stood out to you from the sermon and the Scriptures?
2. What do you think the natural consequences are of “insisting on your own way”?
3. What are some of the things that you tend to unlovingly insist on your own way about?
4. How have you seen examples of selfless love reflected by others in your life?
5. “Cure selfishness, and you plant a Garden of Eden.” What do you think this statement means? Do you agree with it? Why or why not?
6. How does looking to the cross remove our selfishness? What can we do to look to the cross more often?

Challenge Verse

Each week we want to challenge you to memorize 1 verse from our teaching passage.

This week’s verse is: *Philippians 2:3-4*

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.