

Day 3

Read: Read John 15:9-17

Jesus expands on some of the how to love God and love people here. We love God as we dwell in His love. As we dwell in His love, we can't help but love Him back. And then we will want to do as He says, and as we do that, we will be effective. And we love others by laying down our lives for them, putting their needs ahead of our own. As we pursue our purpose, this is not a matter for selfish ambition. If our purpose treads on others to get what we want, we have stepped outside our God given purpose. A God given purpose will always enable us to lift others up. A shift in thinking might be required: for some it will be to begin to think of ourselves and believe it possible that God has a unique purpose for us; for others it will be to stop thinking of ourselves only and open our eyes to the people God has called us to live alongside every day. Either way, it will be in the context of loving others and seeing their intrinsic worth and value. A purpose devoid of love is no purpose at all. Pray here with the contemplative prayer, or read on.

Pray through 1 Corinthians 13:4-5, 1 Corinthians 13:2 Lord help me to be devoted to others in love and honour one others above myself. Romans 12:10 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 1 Corinthians 13:1 Help me to live and lead and walk and serve in love today.