

“Never abandon a friend, either yours or your father's. Then in your time of need, you won't have to ask your relatives for assistance. It is better to go to a neighbor than to a relative who lives far away.”

– Proverbs 27:10

4. _____ WHEN SOMEONE LETS ME DOWN

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”

–Ephesians 4:32

“So now I am giving you a new commandment:

Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”

- John 13:34 -35



WEEK 3: CALLED TO CARE

THEME SCRIPTURES:

Psalm 71:19-21 (MEV)

“Your righteousness, O God, reaches to the heights; you have done great things; O God, who is like you? You who have shown me great distresses and troubles will revive me again, and will bring me up again from the depths of the earth. **You will increase my GREATNESS**, and you will encircle and comfort me.”

True greatness is _____

Matthew 22:34-40 (NIV)

“Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: ‘Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?’

Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and **GREATEST** commandment.

And the second is like it: ‘**Love your neighbor as yourself.**’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

4 WAYS TO LOVE MY NEIGHBOR:

THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN Luke 10:30-37

“30 Jesus replied with a story: 'A Jewish man was traveling on a trip from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road. 31 By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. 32 A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side.

33 Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. 34 Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. 35 The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, "Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you the next time I'm here."

36 Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?' Jesus asked. 37 The man replied, 'The one who showed him mercy.'

Then Jesus said, 'Yes, now go and do the same.'”

4 WAYS TO LOVE...

1. _____ WHEN SOMEONE IS HURTING

“With this news, strengthen those who have tired hands, and encourage those who have weak knees. Say to those with fearful hearts, 'Be strong, and do not fear, for your God is coming to destroy your enemies. He is coming to save you.'” - Isaiah 35:3-4

2. _____ WHEN SOMEONE IS LOST

“Be alert. If you see your friend going wrong, correct them...” – Luke 17:3

“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.”- 1 Peter 3:15

3. _____ WHEN SOMEONE NEEDS HELP

“It's criminal to ignore a neighbor in need...”
- Proverbs 14:21