

## *The Selfless Love of God*

**Read: Matthew 26:36-46; 27:32-50**

What a powerful and perfect example of what selfless love is! Not only was Jesus selfless in the sacrifice of his body, but let's look at the sacrifice God makes here. Can you imagine hearing your one and only son pleading and begging you to provide a different way to save the world? To hear the anguish in his voice? To see the sweat of blood pouring down his face out of great fear? To hear him cry out for you, but be unable to rush out to meet him because of the sin he carries? It would be devastating and heart breaking to see and let him go through that. So why? Why did God sacrifice Jesus in this way?

In **Hebrews 2:14-15** it describes how Jesus became human to fight humanity's greatest fear- our fear of death. He did this so that we don't have to live in fear. He did this so we can have freedom on earth, confidence in His great love, and hope of an eternal kingdom. God selflessly allowed Jesus to die so that we can have security in knowing we get to have eternity with God. What a selfless and loving Father we have!

It reminds me of a time when I was a kid and my family lived in Puerto Rico. There are a lot of bugs and particularly mosquitos in Puerto Rico. I must have had some sweet blood, because night after night I'd wake up covered in new mosquito bites. I was scared of going to bed at night for fear of getting bitten. As much as those pesky bugs liked me, they loved my dad even more. So one night he came into my room as I was complaining of the mosquito bites all over my body, and he decided to sleep next to me. For that whole night, the mosquitos bit him instead of me. That simple act of staying with me and taking my pain showed me the selfless love that God has for each of us. How Jesus came to this earth to take our place of the pain we deserve for our sin.

**Galatians 5:13-14** describes how Jesus gave us this freedom from death so that we can now serve others selflessly. **So, how are you doing this today? In what ways are you looking to selflessly serve others and meet their needs?** In **Matthew 25:40** Jesus reminds us that whatever we do for someone else, it is actually serving God as well.

In **Matthew 28:20**, Jesus explains that he came for the purpose to serve others rather than be served. As followers of Jesus, we're called to make this our life's ambition as well. To imitate this amazing quality of our Creator and our Redeemer and therefore become just like them.