

Something New **(March 3, 2021 - Upper Room)**

Read: John 15: 9-17

⁹“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

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Lesson background: **based on the above scripture**

Sources: www.jesusfilm.org ; www.biblestudy.org ;

- Lent is the 40 -day (plus 6 Sundays) period of repentance and renewal preceding Easter
- Lent is a special time of meditation, prayer, and renewal of your faith in Christ
- Lent is a time for increasing your understanding of Christ’s sacrifice and His resurrection
- “Just as” is a key statement in this passage. It shows the relationship between the Father (God) and His Son (Christ). The Son mirrors the love of the Father so *Just As* God loves Jesus, Jesus loves us and we are to love others

Daily application from this lesson:

- God wants to us to draw closer to him through His son, Jesus
- Take up or give up: two ways to look at making a change for the good in our lives during Lent
- Each day we should **RECALL** our baptism and remember we are made new in Christ
- We should **REFLECT** on how God has always been faithful and the wonders he has done in our lives
- We should **RESPOND** with love toward others “just as” Jesus loves us

Reflection:

1. Have you made any changes in your life for this Lenten season?
2. How does Lent challenge you to grow in your faith?
3. What are some ways to make this coming Easter even more meaningful to your faith journey?

Thought for the week:

I will try to be a mirror of Jesus in
all I say and do.