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Mark 12:29-30 - *Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel. The LORD our God is the one and only LORD. And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul and your mind, and all your strength. (NLT)*

Mark 12:31 - *The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these."* (NLT)

Mark 9:35 – 37 - *He sat down, called the twelve disciples over to him, and said, "Whoever wants to be the first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else." Then he put a little child among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, "Anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not only me but also my father who sent me. (NLT)*

Learning #1: The love that God offers you and I has patience, but our love often has conditions.

1 Corinthians 13:4 – 5 - *Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. (NLT)*

Luke 5:33-39 - *One day some people said to Jesus, "John the Baptist's disciples fast and pray regularly, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees. Why are your disciples always eating and drinking?" Jesus responded, "do wedding guest fast while celebrating with the groom? Of course not. But someday the groom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast." Then Jesus gave them this illustration: "No one tears a piece of cloth from a new garment and uses it to patch an old garment. For then the new garment will be ruined, and the new patch will not even match the old garment. "And no one put new wine into old wineskins. For the new wine will burst the wineskins, spilling the wine and ruining the skins. New wine*

must be stored in new wineskins. But no one who drinks the old wine seems to want the new wine. 'The old is just fine,' they say" (NLT)

Learning #2: A life in Christ is like a new fit that will change you from the inside out.

1 Corinthians 13: 1-3 - If I could speak all the languages of the earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would be only a noisy gong or a clanging symbol. If I have the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secrets plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I have such faith that I could move mountains, but did not love others, I would be nothing. If I gave everything I will have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others I would have gained nothing. (NLT)

Learning #3: The personal sacrifices it takes for us to get to a Christ like love for each other show obedience.

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Galatians 5:24 - Those who belong to the Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to the cross and crucified them there. (NLT)