

# The Challenge of Radical Love

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## Five Types of Love

**Xenia** (ξενία) —

**Philea** (φιλία)\* —

**Storge** (στοργή) —

**Eros** (ερως) —

**Agape** (αγάπη)\* —

*Watch what God does, and then you do it, like children who learn proper behavior from their parents. Mostly what God does is love you. Keep company with him and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that. (Ephesians 5:2 MSG)*

**Love is the \_\_\_\_\_ you make,  
through the \_\_\_\_\_ you take.**

## Four Radical Choices To Love Like Jesus

The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7)

**C<sub>3</sub>** Choose to \_\_\_\_\_.

*"You have heard that the law of Moses says, 'If an eye is injured, injure the eye of the person who did it. If a tooth gets knocked out, knock out the tooth of the person who did it.' But I say, don't resist an evil person! If you are slapped on the right cheek, turn the other, too." (Matthew 5:38-39 NLT)*

**C<sub>3</sub>** Choose to \_\_\_\_\_.

*"For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins." (Matthew 6:14-15 NIV)*

*"But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:44-45a NLT)*

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Choose to \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Stop judging others, and you will not be judged. For others will treat you as you treat them. Whatever measure you use in judging others, it will be used to measure how you are judged. And why worry about a speck in your friend’s eye when you have a log in your own? How can you think of saying, ‘Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,’ when you can’t see past the log in your own eye? Hypocrite! First get rid of the log from your own eye; then perhaps you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend’s eye.” (Matthew 7:1-5 NLT)*

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Choose to \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Do for others what you would like them to do for you. This is a summary of all that is taught in the law and the prophets.” (Matthew 7:12 NLT)*

(see also Matthew 5:42 & 6:2-4)

**Memory Verse**

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it. (John 3:16-17 NLT)*

**MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO...**

- Pray 4-A prayer for the FIRST TIME today!  
*(Admit: I’m a sinner. Accept: Jesus died for my sins. Ask: God forgive me. Allow: God to be Lord.)*
- Memorize John 3:16-17.
- **Accept the New Testament Challenge!**
- Choose to give my love in a radical way this week.
- Commit to joining a Growth Group for the NT Challenge series. #
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

\*For more on the NT Challenge including daily reading schedule and the NT on audio visit:

[www.pulaskifmc.com/nt-challenge.html](http://www.pulaskifmc.com/nt-challenge.html)

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