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# 1 Corinthians 13:13

*“And now these three qualities remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.”*



## Hebrews 11:1

*“Faith is being sure of what we hope for  
and certain of what we do not see.”*



## Hebrews 11:6

*“Without faith, it is impossible to please God...”*



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## Mark 10:42-45

Jesus called them together and said,

*“You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you.*

*Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*



## Mark 9:33-37

They came to Capernaum. When He was in the house, Jesus asked them *"What were you arguing about on the road?"* But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said *"If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, the servant of all."*



## Mark 9:33-37

He then took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking the child in his arms, Jesus said to them *"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the One who sent me."*



## Mark 10:42

*"If anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little children because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."*



*“You don’t need to do great things;  
just do small things with great love.”*

- Mother Theresa



## Luke 6:27-36

*“But I tell you who hear me: love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you.*



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*“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because God is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”*



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1. Jesus defines greatness very differently than the rest of the world does. Contrast how Jesus defines greatness and how today's world defines greatness.
2. Why is it so hard to love someone who does not love you back? What are some effective ways to show love to someone who clearly does not love you?
3. Think of a tangible way you can demonstrate your "faith expressing itself through love". Share your plan of how you will attempt to show the love of Christ to someone this week.