

IN THE WORLD

John 17:9–19

LESSON 8
October 25, 2020

Connect timeless truths with today's news.

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LOVE ME OR DIE

This month, a New Jersey court sentenced Helder Rosa to twenty-three years in prison for aggravated manslaughter. His live-in girlfriend, Leydi Lemos-Delgado, was ending their relationship. The woman's family told police that Helder Rosa refused to let her leave the relationship, and he obsessively called and texted to find out where she was and who she was with. One day, he took up a knife and killed her. Helder's idea of love was possession and power, and if Leydi wouldn't love him, he would "love" her to death.

LOVE ME OR NOT

The love of God is faithful, patient, and humble. It does not demand. It does not control. And it does not punish. Paul's famous "love chapter" (1 Corinthians 13) is the focus in this week's lesson. Even having faith or the great power of God is secondary to having His love, Paul says. Jesus is the perfect illustration of the love of God. His love always trusts, always hopes, and always protects.

1. What's the best example of human love you've seen?
2. When have you been touched by someone's false definition of love?
3. How do you respond to Paul's statement that love is greater even than faith?

Additional Resources

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Music Video, Multicultural: "Behold Him" by Mission House (Revere Project)

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Guzik's Commentary on 1 Corinthians 13

Barclay's Commentary on 1 Corinthians 13

Ellicott's Commentary on 1 Corinthians 13

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