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Love is having affection for them where they are, not pressing them into where we want them to be. And when you learn to live in that kind of love, an interesting thing happens. Jesus said, “As you feed someone who's hungry, offer a glass of cold water in His name or visit someone who's in prison, you are actually engaging them with Me.”

That's an interesting statement. If you've done it for the least of these, you've done it to me. I find in my own life, when I make time for the needs of others, when I'm aware of what's going on around me, not only do I see them more clearly, I see Jesus more clearly. I see the way He's making changes in my life. Essentially what He's saying to me is more of an invitation than a command. He is inviting me to know Him and the fullness of His love for me. This is about learning to live a **life of love**. And to be sure, we are talking about an emotional affection which drives me to serve others.

Learning to love is a life-long process. It is learning to live motivated by genuine affection for others. Don't think you can do it overnight or ‘just do it!’ And it's not, “Oh, I'll start doing that tomorrow. The more you're aware of God's love and convinced of its unconditional nature the more you will love well in the world. And when Jesus invites us to love our enemies, it is because those same people are His people.

So make your mistakes. Find your way into this reality. And maybe you'll find yourself in a situation, like I was describing, “I don't want to be **this** guy. I want to be **that** guy.” Jumping up to help instead of complaining