

“The Only Thing that Counts”

## “Faith Made Simple”

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*“The **ONLY THING** that counts is faith expressing itself through love.” Gal. 5:6*

Luke 17:1-19

1. “Love Does” is not an **unreasonable command**.

Luke 17:1-4

- Don't cause others to sin.
- Rebuke a brother who sins.
- Forgive that brother even if he sins against you seven times in a day.

2. “Love Does” does not require **supernatural power**.

Luke 17:5

- Increase our faith!

3. **Supernatural things** can come from the simple act of “Love Does”.

Luke 17:6

- If you had the faith (as robust) as a mustard seed...

4. When express your faith through love, you don't expect **thanks** or **praise**.

Luke 17:6-10

- Story of the servant and the master.

5. When we **obey God**, miracles happen and wonderful **intimacy** with Him is developed because He loves us.

Luke 17:11-19

- A man cleansed of leprosy returns to thank Jesus and receives salvation.
- There is a difference in being cleansed and being made whole. Vs 14 & 19

*You don't need MORE faith to practice "Love Does". You simply need to accept it as God's command and obey Him. That is faith made simple!*

For More Discussion in Your Groups InCommon this Week!

1. Are there some commands in God's Word that you feel are really unreasonable? What commands have you struggled with in your past?
2. What do you think about "forgiving 7 times in a day"? How does that actually work?
3. Think about the relationship between the servant and the master in the parable. How does this relationship change for you when you consider the full nature of God as master?
4. In light of our position as servants to a master consider the implications of Ecclesiastes 12:12-14 and Romans 14:12?
5. How have you found your own relationship with Jesus changing as you practice Love Does?