

Sincerely John



**LAY YOUR
LIFE DOWN**



Do not be surprised, my brothers and sisters, if the world hates you. 14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death. 15 Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him.

1 John 3:13-18

16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. 17 If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? 18 Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

1 John 3:13-18

Lay Down Your Perspective



25 “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. 27 ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’

Luke 15:25-32

28 “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. 29 But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

Luke 15:25-32

31 “‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. 32 But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

Luke 15:25-32

Is your perspective limiting or celebrating who gets to be a part of the family of God?



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Lay Down Your Preference



“All the people saw this and began to mutter,
“He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”

Luke 19:7

Is your preference disrupting
or deepening the call of
God on people's lives?



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1 John 3:15-16

Lay Down Your Position



36 "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" 37 The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Luke 10:36-37

Is your position creating
hurt or healing in the
body of Christ?



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SERMON REVIEW:

- 1) Lay Down Your Preference
- 2) Lay Down Your Perspective
- 3) Lay Down Your Position

Make New Friends:

Step 1 - Pray

Step 2 - Extend child-like friendship

Step 3 - Talk and be curious

Step 4 - Trust God with the results

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