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Code of Life

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With these words, Jesus asks his followers
to imitate God the Father in loving.

**If we want to be his children, we have to love
our neighbor in the same way that God loves.**

***But how does God love? What do
we have to do to be like him?***

The first characteristic of God's love is that it is
freely given. We have to love **without expecting
anything** in return.

Another characteristic of how God the Father loves
is that he **loves everyone**! His love is universal. He
loves everyone no matter who they are, **without
exception**!

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My experience

One of my friends asked to borrow my gym shoes and I lent them to him.

Some time after that, I needed some help on a lesson, so I asked to borrow his notes, but he refused to share them with me.

That same day, he asked me a favor and, remembering with pain that he hadn't helped me even after my act of love, I was tempted not to help him.

It was hard to forgive him. However, I remembered that to love means to have no expectations of being loved in return, so I immediately offered to do what he asked.

(L.M.O.)



And so this month?
**BE THE FIRST TO
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SUPPORTIVE,
OPEN TO ALL , AND
ESPECIALLY
REACHING OUT TO
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