

That Day  
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**Matt 7:21-23** at the end of His first message to His disciples

It is not what you call Him but doing the will of the Father  
Many did many things FOR Him, but not what was Father's will  
The issue is lawlessness  
1 John 3:4 defines sin as lawlessness

What is the Father's will?

**John 15:9-14** Jesus' last instructions

Vs 9-11 Not just a law being imposed, but a principle of life  
The key is to abide in the love He has shown them as He has lived in the  
Father's love  
As He lived in it by obeying His Father's commandments  
This is how were to live in and experience His love for us  
His is giving them His joy

Vs 12-14 His commandment

Commandment only has two options - obey or disobey  
Satan creates "grey" areas - "what does this mean?"  
He gives us the standard - laying down our lives for each other

What does it mean to lay down my life?

Could mean my physical life - but much more than physical  
Matt 16:25 - whoever wants to keep his life shall lose his life for my sake  
It is our "self-life" - my purpose, will oriented around ME  
Putting the needs and interests of others before mine

It means crossing the boundaries of "My Life"

My comfort zone  
My security  
My interests  
My nature or personality - "that's not my thing" - "not what I'm good at"  
Any other "my" that stops me from caring for you

1. Physical needs - **1 John 3:16-17**

2. Compassion on others - willing to be identified with who they are and what they need

Jesus is our example  
**John 1:14** - God became flesh to dwell among us  
**Phil 2:5-8** - He became one of us to rescue us  
**Heb 2:10-11; 14-18**  
He did this not based on whether we deserved it  
He did this not based on whether we were right or wrong

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3. Bearing one another's burdens
  - "bear" GK - to carry for or pick up
  - Caring enough to share with them what they are going through
  - E.g. caring enough to understand and bear with our brothers & sisters of color
4. Limit my freedom by what is best for others
  - 1 Cor 8:1-12**
  - It is not my rights or my principles, but your conscience
5. Forgiveness - it is a dying to self by letting go of a claim I have on others so they can be free of the guilt
  - "Father forgive them because they don't understand what they are doing"

What are the boundaries of this love I am commanded to give to others?

**Luke 10:25-37** - Samaritan did not consider what it was going to cost him

**Matt 25:31-40** Jesus considers how we treat the weak, hurting and disenfranchised as how we treat Him