Today's Theme

So, Am I Following Jesus? "3rd Proof: **MORE** "We *Love* Him"

Series Title

"Making Much of Jesus" Part 6 Mat 1, 2022

So, Am I Following Jesus?
"1st Proof: We Know Him"
"2nd Proof: We *Trust* Him"
"3rd Proof: We *Love* Him"

- 1. Jesus gives us reasons to love Him.
- (1) Because He's irresistible.
- (2) Because He's relentless.
- (3) Because He cares for us deeply.
- (4) Because He offers us eternal safety.
- 2. Jesus gives us three key roles to play.
- (1) To be salt in this life.
- (2) To be *light* in this life.
- (3) To be *lovers* of *people*.
- 3. Practical ways to pull off loving Him?
- (1) Hang out with others who love Jesus.
 1 Cor 15:33 Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."
- (2) Don't stop *listening* or *talking* to Jesus. 2 Tim 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed 1 Thess 5:17 pray continually,
- (3) Learn to *practice* Jesus *with* you. Psalm 46:10 He says, "Be still, and know that I am God

(4) Fight hard to stay thankful.

1 Thess 5:18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Col 3:15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

(5) Keep telling others your story.

Acts 11:2 So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him 3 and said, "You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them." 4 Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story:

Rev 2:4 Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first.

(6) Ask Jesus to reveal His love to you.

John 14:21 Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

(7) Stay in *love* w/Jesus *over* everything.

James 3:2 We all stumble in many ways.

Rom 8:37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.