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1 One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. 2 And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy.

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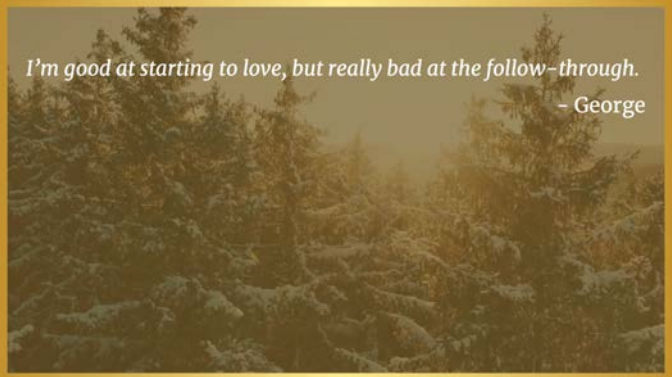
3 And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" 4 But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. 5 And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" 6 And they could not reply to these things.



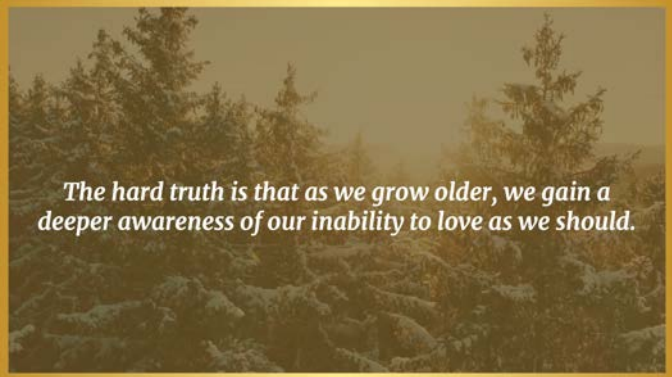


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Jesus' point: You love your own son, and even your own ox, more than your neighbor.



I'm good at starting to love, but really bad at the follow-through.
- George



The hard truth is that as we grow older, we gain a deeper awareness of our inability to love as we should.



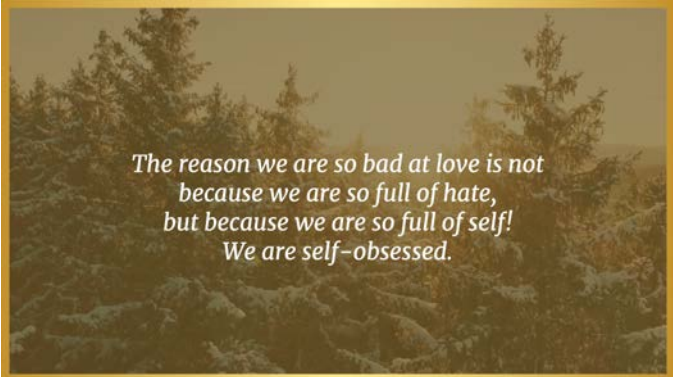
This little story about how people choose their seats at a dinner party offers a glimpse into how the world operates.



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The reason we are so bad at love is not because we are so full of hate, but because we are so full of self! We are self-obsessed.

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Luke 14:11 For everyone who exalts himself...

This is the big misconception people have about themselves:

When people think about being a "good person," they often measure it by what they don't do. "I'm not hateful. I don't do terrible things." But Jesus is saying, that reason the world is so broken is not because the everyone is so filled with hate, it's because everyone is so filled with self. We are bad at love. We are the problem. We are bad at love.

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Luke 14:11 For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less.

- Unknown

Pride is not thinking more highly of yourself, it's thinking of yourself more than others.

At the heart of love is incarnation that leads to death. Death is at the center of love. It happened to Jesus. It happened to us.

- Paul Miller

Luke 14:11b he who humbles himself will be exalted.

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Philippians 2:3-8

3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Practical Tips During The Christmas Season

- 1) Presence - Be present.
- 2) Prayer - Pray for others.

I couldn't stop crying because I wanted him to be real. I wanted there to be an example of such a wonderful human being in the world.

- Zachary Levi