

**Title: Easy Life - John 13 31-38**

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Read:

<sup>31-32</sup>When he had left, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is seen for who he is, and God seen for who he is in him. The moment God is seen in him, God's glory will be on display. In glorifying him, he himself is glorified—glory all around!

<sup>33</sup>Children, I am with you for only a short time longer. You are going to look high and low for me. But just as I told the Jews, I'm telling you: 'Where I go, you are not able to come.'<sup>34-35</sup>Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other."<sup>36</sup>Simon Peter asked, "Master, just where are you going?" Jesus answered, "You can't now follow me where I'm going. You will follow later."<sup>37</sup>"Master," said Peter, "why can't I follow now? I'll lay down my life for you!"<sup>38</sup>"Really? You'll lay down your life for me? The truth is that before the rooster crows, you'll deny me three times."

Think:

Well that's simple enough isn't it? Jesus gave us one last commandment, "Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another." So all we have to do is be kind, and we are doing what Jesus wants us to do. All we have to do is go to school and ask nice questions like, "how you doing," and then we have been just like Jesus. It's an easy life, if we go to college and smile at our mates, then we are doing just what Jesus wants us to do. Hmm, not entirely what Jesus said is it! Jesus said "Love one another. In the same way I loved you." Now the problem is, that Jesus loved us, beyond the way anyone on this world loved before. Let's check out a quick whistle stop tour of the way Jesus loved people. Firstly, he, the God Man, came to Earth when he could have stayed in heaven. Then he hung around with the down and outs and taught them about God's love. He gave up everything, to be a humble teacher, do you not think, the creator of the world, could have been a successful business man instead? Finally, he gave his life for us on the cross. Sorry guys, but to love the same way Jesus did, is not an easy life. It means giving up stuff for others. It means, helping those who the rest of the world, turn away from. It means, taking action, when you see injustice. It means, giving your entire life over to God. Not such an easy life, after all.

Pray:

Father, thank you for the example that your Son was and is to me. Lord, please give me the strength to love others as you love me. Amen.

Action:

Aftershock, is all about putting God's teachings into action. That's why we suggest an action each day. But, today, I think you can take God's teaching and come up with the action that means something in your life. Bye for now.