



Love Does

In his book *Love Does*, Bob Goff shares tangible ways we can love like Jesus—by loving through our actions, not only in our words. Below you will find excerpts from Bob's book along with ideas for how you can love in action.

“By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”
John 13:35

“Most people need love and acceptance a lot more than they need advice.”

We want to help our friends, and sometimes we try to do that by offering them guidance or tips. But often what they need is for us to simply come alongside them in their struggles. Does a friend in need come to mind? Stop and send them a text with one of your favorite Bible verses. This simple act can bring them great comfort and support.

“The brand of love that Jesus offers is more about presence than undertaking a project.”

Opportunities to show love aren't usually going to fall in your lap. If you have a friend who is going through a tough time, offer to go on walk with them so they can get some fresh air, be in God's creation, and realize they're not alone.

“Love is never stationary.”

Let those around you know that you are available and willing to help with whatever they're going through. Instead of asking someone what you can do for them, try to take it upon yourself to notice and address what they need, like mowing their lawn or running an errand.

“But the kind of love that God created and demonstrated is a costly one because it involves a sacrifice and presence. It's a love that operates more like a sign language than being spoken outright.”

You can say you love someone, but showing your love speaks volumes. Your actions don't have to be extravagant. Give someone a simple gift—something personal you know they would enjoy.

“That's one of those things about love. It always assumes it can find a way to express itself.”

Love is a verb. Instead of assuming others know you love them, take a moment to stop and think about a way you can express your love for them. It can be something straightforward and practical, such as buying their groceries or inviting them over for dinner.

ENCOURAGE FORWARD

“We need to stop plotting the course and instead just land the plane on our plans to make a difference by getting to the ‘do’ part of our faith.”

Preparation can be good, but it’s not always needed when showing love to others. Love can be spontaneous and still be thoughtful. One way you can love others is through one of the many service opportunities that Bellevue offers. Love doesn’t overthink. Love does.

Book Resources

Love Does: Discover a Secretly Incredible Life in an Ordinary World
by Bob Goff

Everybody Always: Becoming Love in a World Full of Setbacks and Difficult People
by Bob Goff

Live in Grace, Walk In Love: A 365-Day Journey
by Bob Goff

Bellevue Service Opportunities

bellevue.org/serve

There are a number of ways you can serve in and through Bellevue. You can greet on Sundays, volunteer at the Café, serve with children and students, sign up for missions opportunities, and so much more. Go online to find all the ways you can love others both inside and outside the church.

Digital Resources

“Love Like It Matters’ | Pastor Steve Gaines” (Video Available on YouTube)

“Adrian Rogers: How To Be a Good Friend and Love Your Neighbor” (Video Available on YouTube)

“Adrian Rogers: 5 Ways To Encourage Your Friends” (Video Available on YouTube)

“Love Is Found in Deeds... Not Words | Tony Evans Sermon Clip” (Video Available on YouTube)

“Learning To Love Others with the Heart of Jesus - John Burke” (Video Available on YouTube)

“Is It Possible To Love Others Without Expecting Anything in Return?”—*Proverbs 31 Ministries Podcast Episode*

“Loving God by Loving Others”—*The Practical Christian Podcast Episode*



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