

One Month To Live  
"Love Completely"  
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1 Samuel 20

Living \_\_\_\_\_

Loving \_\_\_\_\_

Learning \_\_\_\_\_

Leaving \_\_\_\_\_

Samuel = \_\_\_\_\_

Saul = \_\_\_\_\_

Jonathan = \_\_\_\_\_

David = \_\_\_\_\_

**Mountains of:**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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**Climbing Tools:**

1) Rope of \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 15:7)

Stop trying to change me— \_\_\_\_\_ me.

2) Gain traction with \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

3) Tethered by \_\_\_\_\_

“There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” John 15:13

You cannot love \_\_\_\_\_ completely until you love \_\_\_\_\_ completely.

Love God by \_\_\_\_\_ your life.

## **SERMON THREE: LOVE COMPLETELY**

### **Ice breaker questions:**

1. Are you a morning or night person?
2. What is one of your pet peeves?
3. You've been given access to a time machine. Where and when would you travel to?
4. What award would you love to win and for what achievement?
5. Growing up, what were your favorite toys to play with as a child?

### **Sermon based questions:**

1. Which mountain trips you up the most: Misunderstanding? Me first? Mistakes?
2. Which mountain bothers you most in other people?
3. What are your thoughts about how Jonathan loved in this situation?
4. How accepting are you of other people? Is it possible to be too accepting?
5. Which of these do you struggle with consideration? Cooperation? Commitment? Is it more difficult to use those tools with God or with people?
6. What's your biggest take away from Sunday's teaching?

### **Scripture reading:**

2 SAMUEL 9 --- Read out loud as a group.

- 1) Is there something you noticed for the first time?
- 2) Where do you see the sermon points in this scripture?
- 3) What questions do you have?
- 4) Was there anything that bothered you?
- 5) What does this tell us about God?
- 6) What does this tell us about ourselves?
- 7) How does this help us love God?
- 8) How does this help us love others?

### **Action Steps:**

- 1) What am I going to start doing as a result of this weeks teaching?
- 2) What am I going to stop doing as a result of this weeks teaching?

## Homework for the week:

1. Read a devotional daily
2. Read the sermon text from Sunday: 1 Samuel 20

Ask these questions:

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  - 4) Was there anything that bothered you?
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  - 7) How does this help us love God?
  - 8) How does this help us love others?
3. If you knew you had one month to live, how might you handle relational conflict differently? Is there any area in your life where the devil currently has a “foothold”? What steps do you need to take in order to resolve the conflict and reconcile the relationship?
  4. Who in your life is difficult for you to love? Identify some ways that you can be more loving to them. What steps will you take to communicate your love to them more effectively? Write some ideas down and commit to putting them into practice before your next group meeting.
  5. How do you handle relational conflict? Do you avoid it? Do you escalate it? Are you always trying to “win” the fight? If you knew you had one month to live, how would you change the way you handled relational conflict? Identify some steps you need to take to handle conflict in a more healthy way and commit to implementing them before your next group meeting. Ask your spouse or close friend to help you put these things into practice in your life.
  6. What relationships would need to be reconciled if you knew you only had one month to live? Who needs to know that you truly love them? Who needs to know that you forgive them? Who do you need to ask for forgiveness from?

Before your next small group meeting, spend some time writing a letter to someone that you would like to express your heart to before it's too late. Ask them to forgive you for the ways in which you might have hurt them. Extend your forgiveness to them for any pain they may have caused you. Most importantly, communicate your love to them and share with them how much they mean to you. After you have written the letter, set it aside for a couple of days and re-read it later, adding some things or rewording some things in order to best communicate what you are trying to say. Then mail the letter and pray that God will use it to heal your relationship.