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**Message Series:** Speaking The Truth in Love

**Today's Message:** Yes, We Can

### **1. Christ's Love On Full Display**

Matthew 9:36-39

**"Compassion"** - GK: "splagma" - Gut Level Compassion

Matthew 18:27

#### **Two Necessary Preparations To Take:**

1) Be prepared for intense rejection but have no fear

Matthew 10:16, 19, 20-22, 24-26

2) Be prepared to respond with Christ's love

Matthew 5:38, 39

**In Jewish-thought** the "cheek" was the symbol of relationship, "turn the other cheek" means to not retaliate but to absorb the sting and offer them the kindness of a restored relationship.

- "The gospel does not tell us to be passive toward others in their faults. It tells us to be aggressively graceful, to overcome evil with good.

### **2. Maintaining Christ's Love No Matter What**

Romans 6:17, 18, 22, 23, 26

#### **How This Can Happen:**

1) A total dependence on God's Spirit Empowering Us

1 Corinthians 4:11-14

- The Corinthians were not known for loving courage: their pride stopped them from suffering for the gospel.

2) We must stop being so concerned about being belittled and mocked.

2 Corinthians 5:14

1 Peter 4:12, 13

2 Timothy 2:9-13

3) We must refuse to quit: but persevere in His Power

Acts 20:25-31

### **3. The Sad Reality of Many Christians**

Revelation 2:1-4

- "**reputation of being alive**" - they looked great: doing a lot, guarding the truth, but "**uneasy feeling**"

- "**forsaken the love you had at first**" - a definite choice, a decision made to stop loving: not "lost", not an accident, but a deliberate act

Revelation 2:5

**Remember ... Repent ... Return**

Luke 15:17-19

\***Next Week:** What's Your Game Plan: A Game Plan for Sharing Jesus Christ

