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John 15:13

13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Jesus says you want to know how high the bar is greater love has no one then this; that you would sacrifice that you would lay your life down for someone else.

To which we all go.....Well I don't know if I could do that.
The reason why I can't do that is this. Maybe you have thought of it like this at times.

My problem in loving the neighbor who is just mean, or the co-worker who is so obnoxious, maybe my in-laws or maybe just a acquaintance who is just hard to be around.

The hard part is that when I try to love them I just can't and it isn't my fault...they aren't that lovable.

If they weren't so annoying, or pushy, or mean or you can never trust them.

'We can view our inability to love others as other peoples problem and not ours.'

You see if I can't love you its not my problem, it is probably because you are unlovable.
You can't act that way, or speak that way and expect people to love you like that.

I'm only human.

Jesus comes and He challenges that in us. He says that your inability to love someone isn't his or her problem it is your problem.

Loving others is an expression of Gods love for you not a condition of Gods love for you.

We don't love others so that God will love us we love others because God loves us.

Until you realize how fully loved you are, you will never be able to love others fully.

Until we are so aware of God love for us, and remain in it you will never be able to love others fully.

Remaining in Gods love empowers me to do what love requires of me