

West Valley Church of Christ – August 31, 2025

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Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Devotional: 6:30 p.m.

WALK IN LOVE

Ephesians 5:1-2, “(1) Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children (2) and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave himself up for us, an offering and sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma” (New American Standard bible). One of the most common metaphors for living a life of obedience to God is “walking the walk.” to commit ourselves to walk through life; “just as Christ love us” does not mean we will never suffer some heartache, but we still choose to imitate God’s love. For example, our spouse commits a thoughtless act. Maybe our spouse did something even more hurtful and deeply wounded our marriage. How are we to respond? “Just as Christ loves you”. Perhaps our child did something that embarrassed us, hurt us, and disappointed us. How do we respond? “Just as Christ loves you.” Over the years, I’ve seen remarkable things happen when believers decided that just as Christ loved them would be the guiding rule of their lives. I have seen wives keep on loving their husbands even after painful interactions. I have see brothers and sisters in Christ at odds with each other, develop a close relationship. I have seen Christians, through the strength God provided return good for evil and show love and concern to those who talked bad of them. Walking in love, is the teenage believer who refuses to join in teasing and making fun of another student, but rather befriends that person at a difficult time. That’s walking in love! The guiding principle to follow in everything is: “Just as Christ loved us.”

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