



HOW SHOULD I TREAT MY FRIENDS?



#321: CAN A CHRISTIAN BE A RADICAL INDIVIDUALIST? A Christian can never be a radical individualist, because man is by nature designed for fellowship. Every person has a mother and a father; he receives help from others and is obliged to help others and to develop his talents for the benefit of all. Love is the central commandment for all Christians; through it we profoundly belong together and are fundamentally dependent on one another.

#402: WHAT IS LOVE? Love is the free self-giving of the heart. In every friendship there is love.

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ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

St. Maximilian Kolbe was born on January 8, 1894 in Poland. One night as a child he saw the Virgin Mary, who offered him a life of purity or a death as a martyr. Maximilian chose both. He was ordained a priest in 1918. When World War II broke out he was again in Poland, and he provided shelter to refugees from Greater Poland, including 2,000 Jews whom he hid from Nazi persecution in his friary. He was arrested and sent to the concentration camp at Auschwitz. When three prisoners tried to escape the camp and were caught, ten prisoners were selected to die. One of the ten cried out for his family and his children, and Fr. Kolbe volunteered to trade places with that man and died in his place. He died of starvation and being injected with poison in 1941.



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BUT A SAMARITAN TRAVELER WHO CAME UPON HIM WAS MOVED WITH COMPASSION AT THE SIGHT. HE APPROACHED THE VICTIM, POURED OIL AND WINE OVER HIS WOUNDS AND BANDAGED THEM. THEN HE LIFTED HIM UP ON HIS OWN ANIMAL, TOOK HIM TO AN INN AND CARED FOR HIM.

- LUKE 10: 29-37

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