Read Romans 12:9-13

“Excuse me, can you...? I need help with... Do you think you could...?” Hearing these words at 6:30am on a Monday morning could make anyone want to turn around and go back to bed. However, God called me to serve those students, adults, and staff at a FUGE Camp in the city of Charleston this summer. Throughout the summer as I worked with FUGE, those constant requests, complaints, and demands were always being thrown at me. As time went on, those words began to weigh heavy as my patience grew thin. Yet, God continuously reminded me of my call to love.

Paul reminds us what Jesus’ ministry on earth looked like in Romans 12:9-13. These instructions ask us to let our love be genuine, just as Christ loved. In fact it says we are told to outdo one another with how much we love. We are to serve with passion, be hospitable to those in need, hold fast to what is good, rejoice in hope, and be patient in suffering.

God has called us to share life with one another, and as Christians we are called to be in loving fellowship with one another. Even when you want to act selfishly, when you think you have no more energy, when you could continue in the motions without any real effort, remember that you are called to love.

Life question: How can you live a life filled with more authentic and genuine love?

Prayer: Loving God, so draw our hearts and so guide our minds that we may love as Christ loved us. Help us to remember your selfless sacrifice and strive to live in authentic and genuine love. Amen.

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