

## What MidWest Missionair is all about?

Why was it formed?

What is the guiding light in everything we do?

What keeps us going?

In the last days of His life on earth Jesus knew what was coming. As he talked with the disciples who would carry the work forward, He focused on the most important things that were essential to make the work a success.

It was just before the Passover Festival. **Jesus knew that the hour had come** for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. [John 13:1](#)

Let me give you a **new command: Love one another.** In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples when they see the love you have for each other. [John 13:34](#)

## His command is to “Love One Another”

### **WHY??**

**By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,** if you love one another. [John 13:35](#)

I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, **so that they may be one as we are one.** [John 17:11](#)

## Why is this so important

that we “*Love One Another*”, that we “*everyone will know that you are my disciples*”, that “*we are one*” even as Christ was one with the Father?

For a long time I have felt that the world is becoming a meaner and meaner place. I was thinking that it was because I am getting old. Yesterday morning I heard two men, each younger than I, each independent of the other, comment on how everyone is meaner today.

Have you noticed? What happened to the spirit of oneness that overwhelmed us right after the attack on New York on 9/11? How I wish that we could recapture that spirit. How can we relearn to “**Love One Another**”?

## Let me repeat a story that Jesus told.

25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

26 “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

27 He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

28 “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

30 In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’”

36 “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

37 The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”

Jesus told him, **“Go and do likewise.”**

[Luke 10:25-37](#)

## MidWest Missionair exists to provide ways for you to “Go and do likewise”

Recently Joplin, MO got hit with an EF5 tornado. Soon after Kevin J. Kikta, DO of Mercy/St John’s Regional Medical Center wrote:

“We felt paralyzed and helpless ourselves. I didn’t even know a lot of the RN’s I was working with. They were from departments scattered all over the hospital. It didn’t matter. We worked as a team, determined to save lives. There were no specialists available ... We were it...”

## In the words of the Apostle Paul

13 For **you have been called to live in freedom,** my brothers and sisters. But don’t use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, **use your freedom to serve one another in love.** 14 For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: “**Love your neighbor as yourself.**” 15 But if you are always biting and devouring one another, watch out! **Beware of destroying one another.** [Galatians 5:13-15](#)

**My friends WE are it - “Love One Another” - We will either love one another or destroy one another. - We are it!!!**

**MidWest Missionair – is about serving and loving one another.**

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