

## The Weight of Love

### Scripture Reading — John 19:25-27

*He said to her, "Woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." — John 19:26-27*

Sometimes the value of something can *weigh* on you—like when Andy let me play his \$14,000 guitar.

As Ron, another member of our small church, was gradually growing in God's grace and love, one sign of his sanctification was that he started to feel the weight of love for others. It was probably through Andy that Ron gradually became more open to others. And one day, suddenly, he could see how precious everyone is to God. That value *weighed* on Ron, and he grew to care much more deeply and heavily for others.

At the cross, Jesus took two unrelated people and gently but firmly placed the burdens of love on them. Jesus' mother, Mary, and the apostle John became forever entwined in love and care for each other. God also does that with us. And the apostle Peter urges, "Love one another deeply, from the heart" (1 Peter 1:22).

You have people in your life who are precious to God. Your family, your coworkers, and your neighbors—do you feel the weight of love and concern for them? Are you concerned about their spiritual well-being? There comes a point when a Christian ought to feel this way. It is God's intention and Christ's command. It is the natural flow of a heart touched by salvation, and it is the fruit of sanctification.

### Prayer

*Lord, my heart needs to soften. I need your love to make me love. Break through my shell and teach me to love others, as you have loved me. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

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