



TOUGH

AS

NAILS

I KNOW THAT NO MATTER HOW HARD IT GETS
IF YOU HAVE JESUS,
YOU ARE TOUGH
ENOUGH



**WHEN THE GOING
GETS TOUGH, THE
TOUGH LEARN TO**

LOVE

**OUR CULTURE IS IN LOVE WITH
AN EASY VERSION OF LOVE.**

**TOUGH LOVE IS NOT ABOUT
WHAT I CAN GET IN RETURN,
IT IS ABOUT WHAT I CAN GIVE.**

Matthew 27:15-17 NLT

¹⁵ Now it was the governor's custom each year during the Passover celebration to release one prisoner to the crowd—anyone they wanted.

¹⁶ This year there was a notorious prisoner, a man named

Matthew 27:15-17 NLT

Barabbas. ¹⁷ As the crowds gathered before Pilate's house that morning, he asked them, "Which one do you want me to release to you—Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

Matthew 27:20-22, 26 NLT

²⁰ Meanwhile, the leading priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas to be released and for Jesus to be put to death. ²¹ So the governor asked again, “Which of these two do you want me to release to you?”
The crowd shouted back, “Barabbas!”

Matthew 27:20-22, 26 NLT

²² Pilate responded, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?”

They shouted back, “Crucify him!”

²⁶ So Pilate released Barabbas to them. He ordered Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip, then turned him over to the Roman soldiers to be crucified.

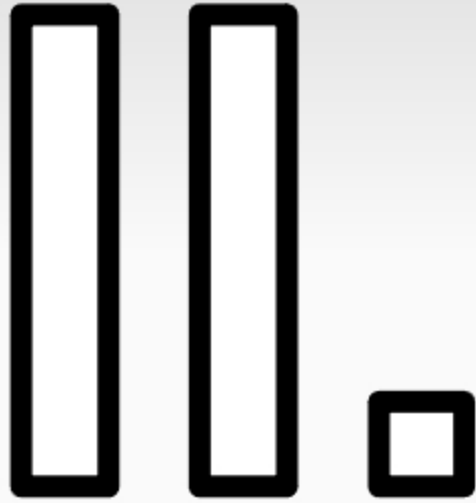
Romans 5:8 NIV

⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**WE NEED TO ABANDON AN
EASY VERSION OF LOVE AND
TRADE IT FOR A TOUGH LOVE.**

John 13:34-35 NLT

³⁴ “So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. ³⁵ Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”



**BIBLE VERSES
THAT SHOW US
TOUGH**

LOVE

1 Peter 4:8 NLT

⁸ Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins.

SHALLOW LOVE EXPOSES,
WHILE DEEP LOVE COVERS
AND PROTECTS.

1 John 3:14-16 NLT

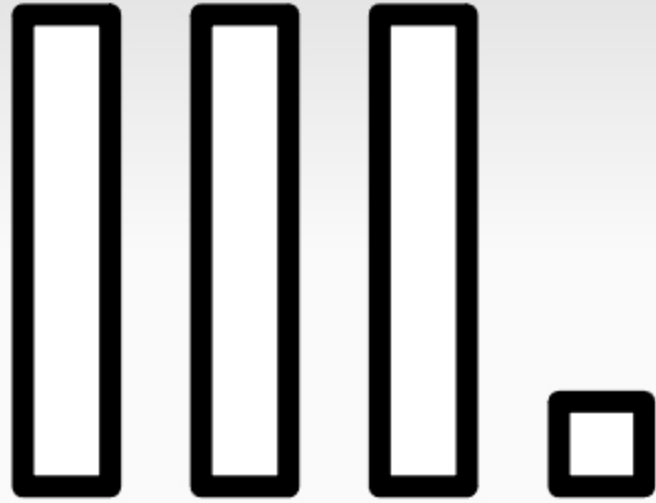
¹⁴ If we love our brothers and sisters who are believers, it proves that we have passed from death to life. But a person who has no love is still dead. ¹⁵ Anyone who hates another brother or sister is really a murderer at heart. And you know that murderers don't have eternal life within them.

1 John 3:14-16 NLT

¹⁶ We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters.

John 15:9-10 NLT

⁹ “I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. ¹⁰ When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father’s commandments and remain in his love.”



**THREE ATTRIBUTES OF
GOD'S**

TOUGH LOVE

WE NEED IN OUR

LOVE.

GOD'S TOUGH LOVE IS

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1 John 4:9-10 NLT

⁹ God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. ¹⁰ This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

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John 15:13 NLT

¹³ There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.

GOD'S TOUGH LOVE IS

UNFAILING



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Jeremiah 31:3b NLT

“I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love I have drawn you to myself.”

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Lamentations 3:22-23 ESV

- ²² The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
- ²³ they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

GOD'S TOUGH LOVE IS

LIFE-GIVING



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Ephesians 2:4-5 NLT

⁴ But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, ⁵ that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead.