



## *Learning to Love Like Jesus, part 4*

### **Richard and Sabina Wurmbbrand as examples of following Jesus**

WHY LEARNING COMMUNITIES? **Circle Two Opportunity...**

To become better and better disciples of Christ TOGETHER so we can face *anything* through...

1. Deeper learning of Biblical truth
2. Stronger “iron sharpening iron” relationships

**Ephesians 4:12–16 (ESV)** <sup>13</sup>until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup>so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. <sup>15</sup>Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

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#### **Introduction**

NO LC next week to concentrate on Prayer with Fasting and Prayer Gathering

NO LC Nov. 16/17 and 23/24 - “break”

“Sabina” movie in LC Nov. 30/Dec. 1 while Herb is in Seattle.

#### **PRAY**

Our Utmost for His Highest, November 1

**QUESTION:** have we truly come to grips with the reality of suffering and persecution for Christ...

1. To train, mature and develop us in character and competency?
2. Because earth is a war zone between unseen forces?

**Hebrews 2:10 (ESV)** For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering.

**QUESTION:** have we embraced fasting as a deliberate practice of “suffering?”

**1 Peter 4:12–19 (ESV)**

**Revelation 12:10–11 (ESV)** <sup>10</sup>And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. <sup>11</sup>And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

**Movie Clip: 49:25 - 1:02:15**

**NOTE:** Most who preached were not preachers

True Christ-followers held firmly to their commitments to obey Christ and to love their enemies even when offered medicine that could cure or relief for providing information.

#### **1. True Christ-followers trust God with life, death, length of life, how God will work. How?**

To “trust” is to **OBEY** no matter what. It’s all about obeying the True God Who loves us.

➔ Had eternal perspective – see and live Right-Side Up, thus know death is victory.

**Philippians 1:21–26 (ESV)**

➔ Knew their lives and days are in God’s hands.

**Psalms 139:16 (ESV)** <sup>16</sup>Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

→ Clung to promises that suffering will be rewarded.

**Matthew 5:10–12 (ESV)** <sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

→ Other reasons?

## 2. The cost of serving Christ is sometimes unusual and lonely – undercover doctor

→ We have to be okay with family and friends thinking badly about us  
We cannot allow family’s opinion to determine what we do – that is hard pressure

**Matthew 10:34–39 (ESV)**

## 3. Christ’s love in true followers grows and impacts others when it is trampled –RSU way of Jesus

*“Supernatural became the natural. I’ve seen such beautiful things.” - Richard Wurmbbrand*

→ Prisoners shared and cared for those weaker even though had little. One prisoner even gave up his medicine and died so Richard could be cured and live.

**John 15:13 (ESV)** Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

→ Prisoners found a way to worship even though weak and it was risky

## 4. They lived “we do not struggle against flesh and blood” by loving those who hurt them.

*“I still love Russians, even communists, with all my heart. They can kill Christians but they cannot kill our love. I hate the communism system, but I love the men. **We had experienced a new form of Christianity, the kind where Christ’s love conquers all.**” - Richard Wurmbbrand*

**Hebrews 10:32–39 (ESV)**

## 5. How does the example of Richard and Sabina connect to Prayer and Fasting TOGETHER?

*I believe there is more at stake than we realize - Pastor Herb*

**2 Peter 1:2–8 (ESV)**

**2 Timothy 3:1–14 (ESV)**

Takeaways...



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