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**Jesus Favourite House:** Luke 10:38 "Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house." John 11:3 "Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick."





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#### 1 John 3:1

"See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!" (NLT)

"Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!" (NKJV)

#### John 13:34

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another."

Love :-- Sacrificially ascribing infinite worth to another.



## Paul's Goal For Healthy Church: 1 Thessalonians 3:6

- *"...and brought us good news of your faith and love,"*
- 2 Thessalonians 1:3
- "...because your faith grows

exceedingly, and the love of every

- one <u>of you all abounds</u>
- toward each other,..."





"The causes of homelessness reflect an intricate interplay between structural factors, systems failures and individual circumstances. Homelessness is usually the result of the cumulative impact of a number of factors, rather than a single cause." The State of Homelessness in Canada 2013. Toronto:

Canadian Homelessness Research Network Press.

Jesus talked about real life stuff: Prodigal Son — I want to live life my way. Wanted his inheritance. Homeless ... Welcomed as Son Good Samaritan — saw a person in need and in crisis ... helped! was attacked ... homeless. Widow Of Nain — Crisis loss of only son.

1 John 3:14-16 (NLT) "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. 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. 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."



#### 1. Hate Precedes Murder. Genesis 37:4-5, 18

"...saw that their father loved him

more ... they hated him. Now

Joseph had a dream, ... they

hated him even more ....even

before he came near them, they

conspired against him

to <u>kill him</u>."



#### 2. Anger Precedes Hate. Genesis 4:1-8

"... And Cain was <u>very angry</u>, and his countenance fell. ... Cain rose up against Abel his brother and <u>killed him</u>."



3. An Offense Precedes Anger. Mark 6:1–3

"And many hearing Him were astonished, saying, 'Where did this Man get these things? ... Is this not the carpenter, the Son ... So they were offended at Him." Luke 4:28–29

"...were filled with wrath."



Astonished: to strike, to expel by a blow, to drive out or away. Luke 4:18-21

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon <u>Me</u>, Because He has anointed <u>Me</u> ...

And He began to say to them,

"Today this Scripture is fulfilled in

your hearing."



4. Unfulfilled Expectations Precede Offenses. Luke 7:20-23

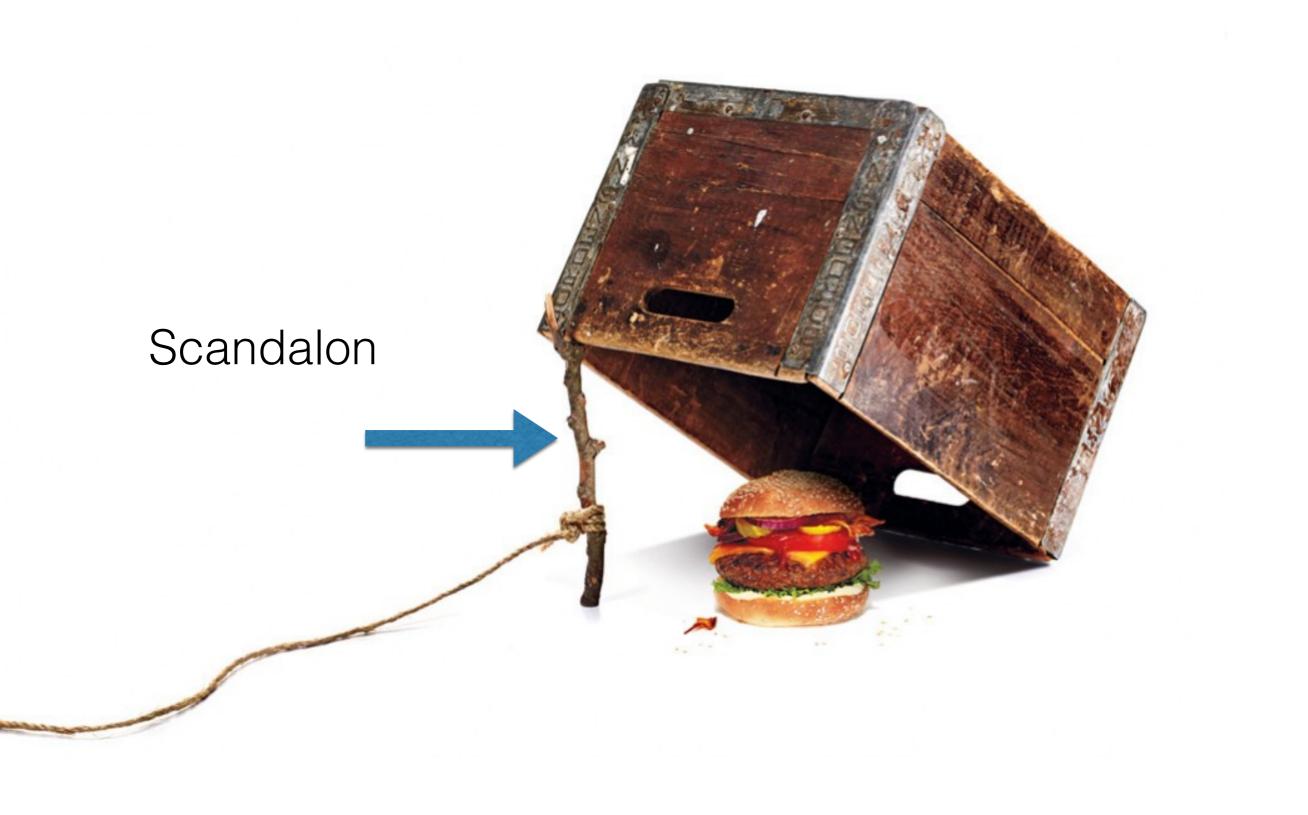
"John the Baptist has sent us to You, saying, 'Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?' ... 'blessed is he who is not offended because

of Me. "



**Skandalizo:**— stumble and stone; to put a stumbling block or impediment in the way, upon which another may trip and fall, metaph. to offend From the word **Skandalon**:—the movable stick or trigger of a trap





## **3 Things You Can Do With A Stumbling Stone:** 1. You Can Step Over It. 2. You Can Trip Over It. 3. You Can Carry It With You.



**5. Forgiveness Precedes Love.** Matthew 5:44

"But I say to you, love your

enemies, bless those who curse

you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute *you…*"





Genesis 27:41 "Esau said in his heart, 'The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then *will* kill my brother Jacob." **Genesis 33:4** "But Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him,

and they wept."



# **Ephesians 4:32** *"And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you."*

Charizomai: — to bestow grace unconditionally.



6. Receiving Love PrecedesGiving Love1 John 4:19

- *"We love each other because he loved us first."*
- If you feel like you have to earn forgiveness form God; you will
- expect others to earn
- forgiveness from you.



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