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Jesus said to his disciples: 'This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.' (John 15, 12-17)

To show that we love Jesus we must love our brothers and sisters. But how much do we need to love them? The Lord is very clear in the Gospel: "that you love one another, as I have loved you". Even if perfectly imitating the love of Jesus is difficult, if you don't love your neighbour, how can you love God?