

In Everything – Love.

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degree to which you will defeat sin.

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***“let God strengthen you”***

## Revelation 12

*(7) Then war broke out in heaven.... The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth,.*

## Galatians 2

*(20) I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me...I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

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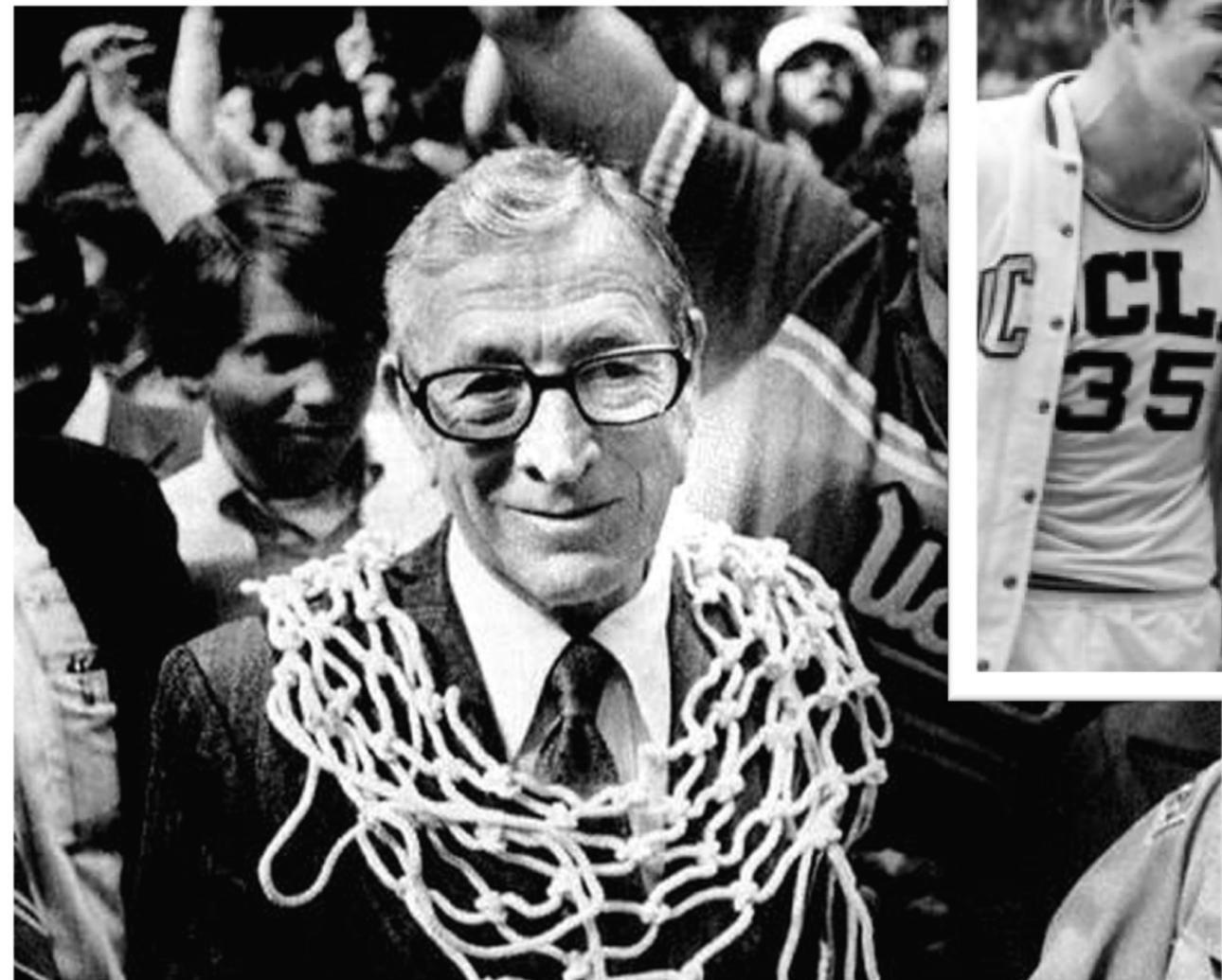
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Don't become like the enemy – be loving.

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John Wooden

I have always tried to make it clear that basketball is not the ultimate. It is of small importance in comparison to the total life we live. There is only one kind of life that truly wins, and that is the one that places faith in the hands of the Savior.

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## 1 Corinthians 13

*(1) If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ... (3) If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.*

## 1 Corinthians 13

*(4) Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast... (5) It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. (6) Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. (7) It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.*

Love is concern and affection that  
moves you to help others.

Love is concern and affection that  
moves you to help others because  
God's concern and affection moved  
Him to help you.

## **Ephesians 4:32 & 5:1**

*Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love...*

## Ephesians 5

*(2) live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

I remember who I was,  
I was lost I was blind ,  
I was running out of time.  
Sin separated, the breach was far too wide ,  
So You made a way across the great divide.

Left behind Heaven's throne  
... at the cross You paid the debt I owed.  
Thank you Jesus for the blood applied...  
Thank you Jesus; You have saved my life.

## Matthew 24

*(12) Because of the increase of wickedness the love of most will grow cold*

The driving force in the world today  
is the idolatry of self-importance.

Jesus was eternally important yet  
chose a life of self-sacrifice.

Yet we who are eternally dependent  
choose a life of self-importance.

I've never seen the love of God for disenfranchised people displayed in a more beautiful way. I don't think we have a true picture here in the U.S. of what it's like to be displaced from your country because of war - being forced to leave only with the clothes on your back and to go live in a refugee camp.

Your family might be with you or they might be living in another location. And you are entering a city that doesn't really want you there. But you have nowhere else to go, and you need help. And the church we partner with in this city opens its doors to these who have no home and lends its ears to those who have no voice.

To these vulnerable families, especially to undervalued women, and overwhelmed children, the church shows the kindness of God by first meeting their basic needs. Like Jesus, they minister to the whole person - soul and body.

These Christians have no hesitation to give anything they have to serve these whom the world would see as the least of these. Women are taught skills so they can provide for their family. Many of them are either widowed or their husbands have left them.

Children are provided an education, and in time, they are also trained in a practical skill they can one day take to the workplace. And special attention is given to a group of children that are typically not honored in that culture, those with special needs.

Our partner church is constantly praying for any opportunity to share the eternal hope of Jesus Christ. These opportunities are created as believers go into the homes of these Muslim refugees rather than expecting them to come to a Christian church.

Nothing conveys God's kindness by sitting in someone's home, hearing their story, weeping with them and rejoicing with them - all under the banner of the love of Jesus Christ. This is the way that Muslims will come to Christ, for this is the way that all of us come to Christ. As the Bible says in Romans 2:4, it is the kindness of God that leads us to repentance.



