**He Gave**

**Teens**

**Level 4 Lesson 19**

* **Introduction**

*John 15:13Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.*

You might have some good friends, but there are few friends that would give their life for you. True love is a motivator for sacrifice for others.

* **Lesson**

*John 15:9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.*

*John 15:10If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.*

*John 15:11These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.*

*John 15:12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.*

*John 15:13Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.*

Jesus lets us know that He loved us enough to die for us, and he expects us to love others as He has loved us. He is the perfect example. Thankfully, the world is not dependent on us to die for their sins, but it is our job to die to our flesh and go tell the story of the Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ to others, so that they can get in on this great salvation!

The apostle Paul had this to say:

*1Ti 1:15  This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.*

Paul knew what a mess he came from. He was killing men, women, and children for believing that Jesus was the one, true God. God reached down to him in his sin and loved him enough to make a way for him to be forgiven and saved.

The story of the Garden of Gethsemane is a wonderful example of how hard it was for Jesus to die for us. His flesh was just like ours, selfish. He had to get his flesh under submission to die for our sins.

*Mat 26:36  Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.*

*Mat 26:37  And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.*

*Mat 26:38  Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.*

*Mat 26:39  And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.*

*Mat 26:40  And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?*

*Mat 26:41  Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.*

*Mat 26:42  He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.*

*Mat 26:43  And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy.*

*Mat 26:44  And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.*

*Mat 26:45  Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.*

*Mat 26:46  Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.*

*Mat 26:47  And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people.*

*Mat 26:48  Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast.*

*Mat 26:49  And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him.*

*Mat 26:50  And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him.*

*Mat 26:51  And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear.*

*Mat 26:52  Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.*

*Mat 26:53  Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?*

*Mat 26:54  But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?*

*Mat 26:55  In that same hour said Jesus to the multitudes, Are ye come out as against a thief with swords and staves for to take me? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on me.*

*Mat 26:56 But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him and fled.*

Think about what would have happened if Jesus had not died for us. He could have sent all of mankind on to Hell. He could have started all over and created some creatures that would obey and serve Him without all this trouble. But He loved us. That is what made the difference!

* **Activity**

Discuss this lesson:

1. How hard would it be to die for someone else, maybe even someone who is mean to you, and says bad things about you?
2. Have you ever thought that maybe you were too bad for God to save you? Are you a worse sinner than Paul?
3. Make a list of people who you can truly depend on. Have you ever mistreated them?
4. Are you dependable, or are you selfish-self-centered?