

Have I got an opportunity for YOU!
A Conversation between God and Jesus
(a reading or skit by two people)

The idea is that in Matthew 7:12 (the golden rule) Jesus says **DO**. We are to **engage** to love others, not abstain from action/engaging in an effort to NOT hurt others. Jesus is our example of this.

God: Son, what have you been up to?

Jesus: I've been looking at earth and wondering if these humans we have created will ever figure out how to love one another.

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Jesus: You have my attention. What do you have in mind?

God: How would you like to go on a short-term mission trip to earth?

Jesus: Sounds interesting so far. What would be involved?

God: To make this work you would have to experience everything humans do. You would start out as a single cell and then spend 9 months inside a girl. After being born you would spend 30 years in poverty.

Jesus: That doesn't sound like much fun, but I think I could handle that. After all, what are 30 years compared to eternity in heaven?

God: Here's the real challenge. You will get about 3 years to change human minds about how to do life. I will pick 12 men for you to spend your life with. As you walk around Israel, you will do some amazing things for people and they will love you for what you do.

Jesus: That part sounds like fun. Do I really get to use all my power to let people know who we are?

God: Not exactly. They would be impressed with the power, but they wouldn't know what to do with it. What I really want people to see is the love that we have for each other.

Jesus: How will I get them to understand that?

God: It really is quite simple. What you will do is let them kill you.

Jesus: Kill me!

God: Yes, kill you. That will demonstrate how much you love them and how much you trust me.

Jesus: How does letting THEM kill ME demonstrate LOVE?

God: Your death will make it possible for humans to have a close relationship with us again, although only a few people will figure that out. Your willingness to die will show your trust in me because I promise that you rise from the dead and then return from your trip.

Jesus: I know I can trust you for that. As a human, will I still be aware that I am your son?

God: I will give you reminders that you are my son so that you don't forget, but you will be fully human. As you get closer to your death that will probably be challenging.

Jesus: It does sound challenging, but if you think this is the way to get people to change, then let's do it.

Question for thought: How do you feel when you hear "Have I got an opportunity for you!"

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