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It takes effort to love. **You must listen before you love and you must learn before you love.**

Love is not the first response God gives us when we are being called to a life that’s bent on being his voice to souls that ache and his hands to people who are dying.

Love happens because we **stop to listen and dare to learn.**

No longer is it their problem, their situation, their hurts. **It is ours.**

A well lived life is all about **living outside of ourselves and in the world** where God has placed us and called us to serve.