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Ephesians 5:1-20

I learned to cook by following my mom's example. Since most of her dishes didn't come from detailed recipes, I make them by doing exactly what I saw her do all those years ago. By following her example, I can now share some of her special dishes with her great-grandchildren.

As much as we can benefit from following the example of loving and godly parents, even the best earthly parents are far from perfect. Following a human example can only take us so far. To love as God has called us to love, we must, as today's key verse exhorts us, "follow God's example."

God gave his best—his only Son—for us. As his "dearly loved children," we, too, must give of ourselves. Caring for an elderly neighbor, offering to baby-sit for a busy mother, or teaching Sunday school classes are all ways that we might follow God's example by giving of ourselves.

"Walking in the way of love" can take many different forms, but they all have one thing in common: giving of ourselves, just as God gave his all for us.

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