

Have We Misinterpreted This Popular New Testament Passage?

Every year, around Memorial Day, social media feeds are littered with references to John 15:13, but is it possible we've misunderstood what Jesus was saying in the popular New Testament passage?

I hadn't really considered my understanding of the verse—I just took my knowledge of the passage for granted—until I was reading through a devotional by 20th century evangelist Oswald Chambers, author of *My Utmost for His Highest*. And now I'm seeing just how challenging Jesus' words really are.

"Greater love," Jesus told his disciples, "has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

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