Good morning, this is Michael De Rosa and today I need to talk with you about the Commandment to love your neighbor.

Now if you have seen those negative campaign ads, you can fairly quickly get the impression that this commandment probably was not on the table when they were crafting their ad. But it gets results. Money talks.

Well, God talks too, and the Scripture that I want to direct your attention to is Matthew chapter 22, verse 39

'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

In other words, the amount of love we have for ourselves is reflected in how we respect others

Without Christ, Loving others is IMPOSSIBLE to do, especially when they have wronged us. BUT when we realize that *that* wrong has already been dealt with through the Cross of Christ AND that we are sinners in need of grace things begin to look up.

So, the next time you see a negative campaign ad, consider doing two things: pray for those who are funding that ad to find God's love, and check your own life too by asking yourself the question: how well am I loving those around me?