



Sacrificial Love is the name of this *Inspired Flow Art* piece. The colors in it are:

- Turquoise representing refreshing
- Fuchsia representing sacrifice
- Black representing steadfast

In walking out sacrificial love, take care to balance mercy with justice. Esteeming others more than yourself does not mean forsaking your own value or overriding your moral code. When it comes to those who are inclined to take advantage of your giving nature, mercy may cause harm instead of helping and stunt a person's growth instead of encouraging it. When a person repeatedly takes advantage of you or demonstrates a high level of disrespect towards you, the right thing to do can be to say "no" and set boundaries. But do so without guilt, for this is as much about protecting yourself as it is about protecting them.

Being firm may not come easy when mercy is your greatest mode of love. But keep in mind the wisdom of tough love. For example, a parent must set limits with their children and consequences for bad behavior; to forsake teaching a child justice would encourage their bad behaviors and lead them to greater trouble later in life. In the same way, value the life and the future of those you love by being willing to stand firm when it is necessary. Pour out your love and honor but be wise and preserve your integrity.

We hope the art and the colorful encouragement speak to you. Enjoy life and stay in the flow!


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