

What Love Does

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John 13:1-17

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1 Corinthians 13:4-8

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2. Do it for **EVERYONE**.
John 13:2/ Matthew 5:43-47/ 1 Peter 2:17
3. Do it for **JESUS**.
John 13:17/ John 14:15/ Colossians 3:17
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Mark 9:35/ Genesis 13:5-17
5. Don't let your **PRIDE** keep others from **LOVING YOU**.
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Food for Thought for the Week of July 30, 2023

This weekend we saw what love does in the story of Jesus washing His disciples' feet. The command to love is a command to act, not feel, a certain way, yet our feelings so often affect the ways we choose to love others.

1. Pastor Larry put those we are commanded to love into seven categories. When you look at this list, how would you rank these groups from easiest to hardest for you to love (1 being easiest, 7 being hardest).

- ___ God
- ___ Spouse
- ___ Family
- ___ One Another
- ___ Neighbors
- ___ Strangers
- ___ Enemies

What factors impacted how you ranked the categories? What circumstances would have to change for your #7 to rise in rank?

Read 1 John 4:13-21 to see how John talks about love. Is there a particular part of this passage that encouraged you, especially as you think about the groupings above?

1 John 4:13-21 New International Version (NIV)

¹³ This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. ¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. ¹⁷ This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹ And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

2. In the second section of Larry's sermon, he gives some real-world advice to those trying to follow Jesus and love people well. Which one comes most easily for you? Which one is hardest for you? Why do you think that is? Be honest with yourself, then maybe discuss this with someone you trust.

3. Read and reflect on John 13:34-35 as we all do our best to live as followers of Jesus. Love was and is the marker that shows the world that we follow Jesus. What is one thing you may have to sacrifice or change to love people more fully and authentically so that others will know you are a Christian?

John 13:34-35 New International Version (NIV)

³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."