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THIS IS US: LOVE FOR PEOPLE
JOHN 13:34-35; 1 JOHN 4:7-16

God's love for us. John 3:16; Rom. 5:8; 1 John 4:9-10

- God's love is **personal**. John 3:16; Rom. 5:8
 - He **knows** my name. Luke 19:5; John 10:14, 27; 1 Sam. 3:1-10; Jer. 1:5; Is. 43:1; 49:16
 - He **seeks** and searches for me. 1 John 4:9-10; Rom. 5:8; John 3:16; 6:44; 12:32
- God's love came at a **radical** price. 1 John 4:9-10; John 3:16
 - The radical price was His **son**. John 3:16; 1 John 4:9-10; 5:11
 - The radical price was His son giving His **life**. 1 John 4:9-10; 3:16; John 10:11; 15:13; 1 John 2:1-2; Rom. 5:8; 8:34; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Pet. 2:24

Our love for God.

- My love for God is seen in my **trusting** in God. Prov. 3:5-7; Jer. 17:7-8; Prov. 28:25-26; 29:25; John 3, 4, 8, 11
- My love for God is seen in my **obedience** to God. 1 John 4:7-8; 3:16; 2:3-6; John 14:15, 21, 23; 15:10; Luke 9:23
- My love for God is seen in my **transformation**. Rom. 12:1-2; 8:29; 1 Cor. 2:1-5; 1 Thess. 4:3; 2 Pet. 3:18; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; 3:16; Eph. 4:13-16

Loving one another. 1 John 4:7-16; John 13:34-35

- A sacrificial love that is willing to **sacrifice** first. 1 John 4:9-10; 3:16-17; John 15:13; 10:11; 17-18
- A giving love that willingly gives **before** it receives. John 13:30-34; 2 Cor. 8:1-5; 1 Cor. 13:4-8; Col. 3:12-13; Phil. 2:2-8
- A serving love that steps up to be the first to **serve**. John 13:34; Matt. 20:28; John 13:12-17; 1 Pet. 4:11; Heb. 6:10; Gal. 5:13; Rom. 12:11
- An unconditional love which loves **first** and without regrets. John 13:34; 1 Cor. 13:1-8; Matt. 26:47-49; Rom. 5:8; John 3:16; 1 John 4:10, 19

"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us."
Augustine

"The shape of true love isn't a diamond. It's a cross."
Alicia Bruxvoort

"Though we are incomplete, God loves us completely. Though we are imperfect, He loves us perfectly. Though we may feel lost and without compass, God's love encompasses us completely. ... He loves every one of us, even those who are flawed, rejected, awkward, sorrowful, or broken."
Dieter F. Uchtdorf

"Legalism says God will love us if we change. The gospel says God will change us because He loves us."
Tullian Tchividjian

"If you know that God loves you, you should never question a directive from Him. It will always be right and best. When He gives you a directive, you are not just to observe it, discuss it, or debate it. You are to obey it."
Henry Blackaby

"God is love. He didn't need us. But he wanted us. And that is the most amazing thing."
Rick Warren