



RELYING ON REAL LOVE

John 13:33-34, Matthew 5:48

John 13:1, It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

Matthew 26:36-40; Luke 22:44

John 13 - Lessons Jesus Taught His Disciples

- 1) God's love is **CONSISTENT** not **CIRCUMSTANTIAL**. (John 13:1)
- 2) God's love causes us to **BE LOYAL** not to **BETRAY OTHERS**. (John 13:2)
- 3) God's love excels in **ACTION** not just **APPEARANCE**. (John 13:3- 5)
- 4) God's plan **FAILS OR FLOURISHES** based on whether enough people do their part **FAITHFULLY**. (John 13:6-8)

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Loving Interpersonally as Jesus Loves

F - Finding Treasure in Loving God and One Another

R - Relying on Real Love

Managing Tension and Trouble

1) EMBRACE Jesus' Impossible Commandment

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2) EXPERIENCE Jesus' Incredible Power

Matthew 5:48, Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

1 John 1:8-9, If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Matthew 14:28, 18:21-22

Moving Toward Testimonies of Goodness

1) FEELINGS must be honored.

Ephesians 4:15, Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

❖ Speaking truth without caring about people doesn't work!

John 11:34-35; Luke 7:12-14

2) FELLOWSHIP in Christ love must be esteemed.

1 John 4:17-18, 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.

❖ God doesn't judge imperfect people-He perfectly loves and blesses them!

Questions:

- 1) What did you hear from the Holy Spirit?
- 2) What will you do because of it?
- 3) How can we pray for you?