



PART 2: MOANA

“You may hear a voice inside. If the voice starts to whisper, ‘To follow the farthest star, Moana?’ That voice inside is Who you are.” – Grandma Tala

BIG IDEA: **Love selflessly instead of fearing selfishly**

1. We all have fears, every last one of us. Fears can be healthy—they can keep us alive. However, when our actions are based out of fear? It can grow to become very unhealthy. What are some of your biggest fears?
2. Have you ever felt trapped by your fears?
3. Do you feel fear has warped our perception of whom we are supposed to love? If so in what way and how do, we overcome that?
4. *With your Bible or Bible App, read 1 John 4:7-19.*



Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us. And God has given us his Spirit as proof that we live in him and he in us. Furthermore, we have seen with our own eyes and now testify that the Father sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. All who declare that Jesus is the Son of God have God living in them, and they live in God. We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world. Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love. We love each other because he loved us first.

1 John 4:7-19 (NLT)

Think about the context of the time this was written—most of John’s friends were killed. Matthew, Peter, Paul are all dead. This happened after Nero’s Circus had started; where Romans were hunting down Christians and feeding them to lions and tigers and bears (*oh my!*). With that context, it’s curious that John would decide the best encouragement for us is to go and love one another.

5. How does the above context show how great of an importance there is on love over fear?
6. If the early church was controlled by fear, do you think that the church would have survived till today?
7. Dave talked about Steven who was stoned to death. Do you think that he felt fear? There is a difference between ‘feeling fear’ and ‘living in fear’? How do you think that Steven was able to live in love while feeling fear?

MOVING FORWARD

Read through the book of Acts and see what the early church had to go through. Try to put yourself in their shoes experience their day-to-day life. Now compare their struggle to our struggle and compare their courage to our courage. Compare their love to our love. How can we do better how can we become stronger?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Go through every preconceived notion you have of someone, or groups of people. Every decision you have made about people or groups of people and ask yourself. Is this opinion or decision based on fear or love?

