Ephesians 5:1-2

Scripture Translations:

"Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. 2And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma." NKJV

"Be imitators of God in everything you do, for then you will represent your Father as his beloved sons and daughters. 2And continue to walk surrendered to the extravagant love of Christ, for he surrendered his life as a sacrifice for us. His great love for us was pleasing to God, like an aroma of adoration—a sweet healing fragrance. TPT

Key Words, Phrases & Definitions: (Use an online Greek dictionary to define these words)

- Imitators
- Children
- Walk in Love
- Offering
- Sacrifice
- Sweet-smelling aroma

Verse Re-write: (use back of paper)

Questions:

- 1. Given this passage begins with "therefore", summarize briefly the central theme of chapter four to determine the context for chapter five.
- To be a follower of Yahshua, an imitator, relates to being a disciple. Research the meaning of disciple and explain what Yahshua meant when He tasked the apostles to go into all the world and "make disiciples" (Matthew 28:19-20).
- 3. Yahshua expressed this same sentiment of loving others in the same way He loved us. See John 13:34 and describe what it means to give your life as an offering and a sacrifice.
- 4. These two verses fit nicely into the prevailing word of the house to fully appropriate (engage, receive and operate) all Christ has made available to us through His obedient campaign in the earth. What does a life fully given over to Christ look like to Paul and the Ephesians? What should it look like to us today?

Faith Declarations:

- Father, we are in awe of your desire to redeem us and the sacrifice you paid for our redemption. Therefore, we declare our allegiance to your Son, Yahshua and fully engage and connect to His body, the body of Christ, and denounce the body of death that continually tries to disqualify us from presenting Christ in His fullness.
- Father, I declare today that I am ready to receive any and all opportunities to engage the people of this world and present Christ authentically, accurately, with delegated authority and manifested power. I willingly lay down my life that the life of Christ may be offered to others.
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