

# DEVOTED

A community living wholeheartedly for Jesus

## Series Description

Devoted - what a beautiful word! It speaks of a wholeheartedness, a giving of all of one's love, loyalty and energy to a person or activity, and it's a word used often to describe the lives of those first Jesus-followers in the Bible. Our plan is not only to explore devotion to prayer, to worship, to Jesus, to one another, but to actively shape our life together to make a difference!

## Recommended Reading

Crazy Love  
Francis Chan

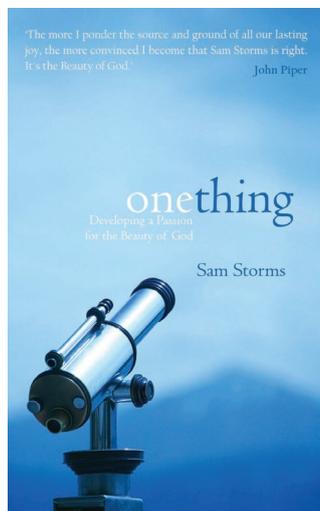
One Thing  
Sam Storms

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## **Title: Devoted to one another in love**

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Bible reference: Romans 12:9-10 & 1 Thessalonians 3:12

### **Overview**

Our love for one another is to be a defining feature of the local church. If anything is said of us let it be *"They are devoted to one-another"*. This love for one another is an outworking of our love for God and devotion to Christ. Mother Teresa *"The work we do is nothing more than a means of transforming our love for Christ into something concrete."* Love must be seen in action (1John 3:16-20)

We are to be devoted to one another – this is family language. Rom 12:1 says *"I urge you brothers and sisters..."* Eph2:19 *"You're members of Gods household"*. Which is why one of our main aims is to make disciples of Jesus who Gather in friendship & family. Our relationships must be more than we are simply part of the same church or meet in the same place – the bond must go deeper.

Love binds us together and demonstrates we're recipients of the love of God (Rom 5:5-8; 1John 4:11)

- Love that's sincere (not superficial) authentic, genuine & deeply from the heart (1Peter 1:22)
- Love that's sacrificial (not self-centred) to be self-centred it so focus on myself (often) at the expense of others; to be sacrificial is to give to another at the expense of myself.

We grow in our capacity to love by continually receiving & giving Gods love (Rom 13:8, 2 Thes 1:3)

### **Response (SOUL)**

Run through the following sections. Use smaller groups at any time if helpful.

**S = Scripture** - Read it, what does it say?

**O = Observe** - What do you see, context, details, surprises etc?

**U = Understand** - What truth does God want you to learn?

**L = Live** - What would it look like to apply this to your life?