

**Loved:
Crafted to Love
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1. CREATED TO LOVE

1.1. We were created by love, for love to love.

1 John 4:19 “We love, because He first loved us.”

1.2. We can love, because God loved us first. God’s love changes us and enables us to love others.

Ephesians 1:4 “just as [in His love] He chose us in Christ [actually selected us for Himself as His own] before the foundation of the world, so that we would be holy [that is, consecrated, set apart for Him, purpose-driven] and blameless in His sight. In love”

Ephesians 2:10 “For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.”

2. HOW TO BE OUTWARD FOCUSED WITH GOD’S LOVE:

2.1. We need to stay connected to the source of Love. We should constantly ask God to fill us with His love so that we can love the people around us.

1 John 4:16 “We have come into an intimate experience with God’s love, and we trust in the love he has for us. God is love! Those who are living in love are living in God, and God lives through them.”

Romans 8:38-39 “So now I live with the confidence that there is nothing in the universe with the power to separate us from God’s love. I’m convinced that his love will triumph over death, life’s troubles, fallen angels, or dark rulers in the heavens. There is nothing in our present or future circumstances that can weaken his love. There is no power above us or beneath us—no power that could ever be found in the universe that can distance us from God’s passionate love, which is lavished upon us through our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One!”

2.2. Remember that love is an action. It isn’t an emotion; it’s a choice.

John 13:34-35 “So I give you now a new commandment: Love each other just as much as I have loved you. For when you demonstrate the same love I have for you by loving one another, everyone will know that you’re my true followers.”

2 Timothy 1:7 “For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.”

2.3. Let love be your motivation and ask God how He wants you to love people.

1 John 3:18-19 “Beloved children, our love can’t be an abstract theory we only talk about, but a way of life demonstrated through our loving deeds. We know that the truth lives within us because we demonstrate love in action, which will reassure our hearts in his presence.”

Sermon Discussion Guide

OPEN WITH PRAYER. THIS IS ONLY A GUIDE – SELECT THE POINTS YOU WANT TO DISCUSS.

1. Are you focused on loving other people?
2. Do you mostly love people who love you back or are you focused on loving people no matter how they feel about you?
3. How do you show God’s love to others?