1. [Group] Lighting Cue!

Galatians 5
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²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22

3. Galatians 5:22 (ESV)

¹³So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13

4. 1 Corinthians 13:13 (ESV)

12Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, 13bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14And <u>above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony</u>.

Colossians 3:12-14

5. Colossians 3:12-14 (ESV)

36"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" 37And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38This is the great and first commandment. 39And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Matthew 22:36-40

6. Matthew 22:36-40 (ESV)

Agape = others-focused sacrificial love

[1]But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. [2]For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, [3]heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, [4]treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

2 Timothy 3:1-4

¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

John 15:13

9. John 15:13 (ESV)

⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

10. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (ESV)

8Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 10In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

1 John 4:8-10

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⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:5

⁹As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

John 15:9-11

15. John 15:9-11 (ESV)

⁹As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.

John 15:9

16. John 15:9-11 (ESV)

"God loves you with a never-ending, never-giving up, unstopping, always and forever love."

[14]For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, [15]from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, [16]that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, [17]so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith-- that you, being rooted and grounded in love, [18]may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, [19]and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:14-19

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[16]By this we know love, that He laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. [17]But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? [18]Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

1 John 3:16-18
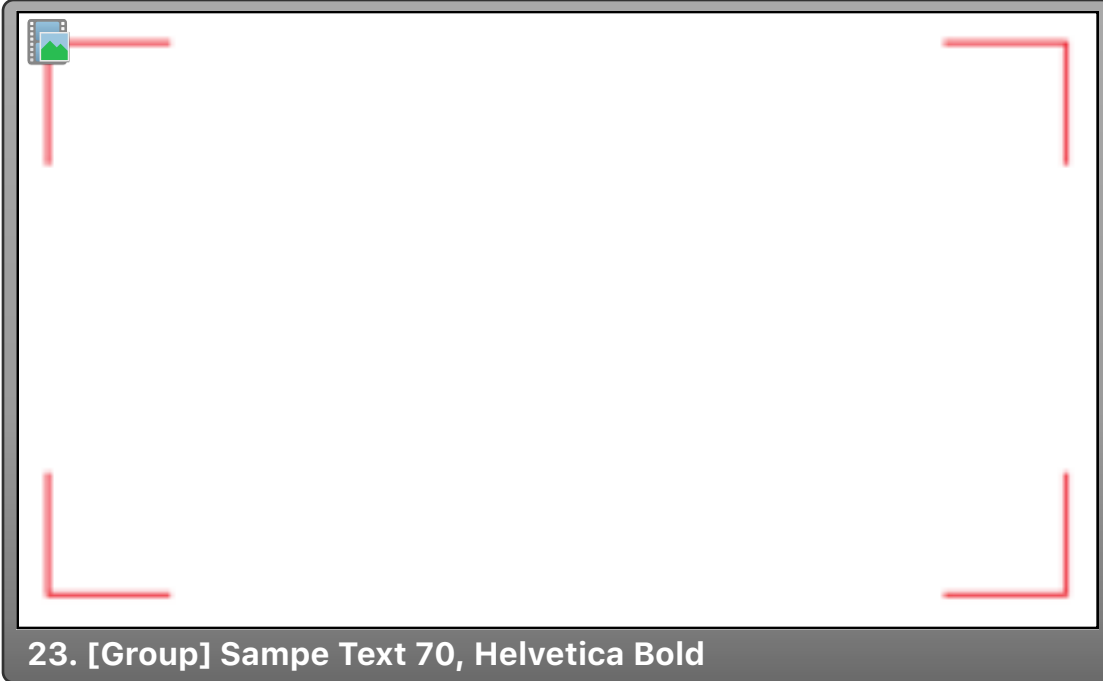
"Do small things with great love."

-Mother Theresa

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