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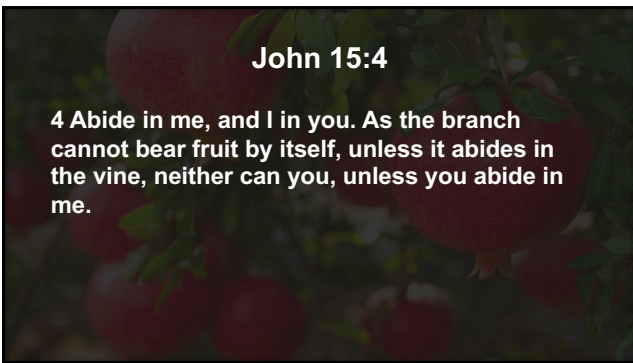
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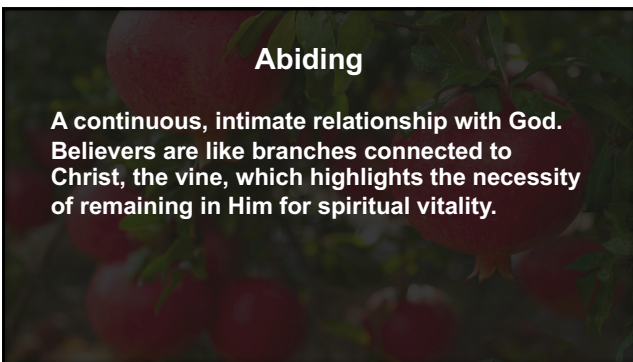
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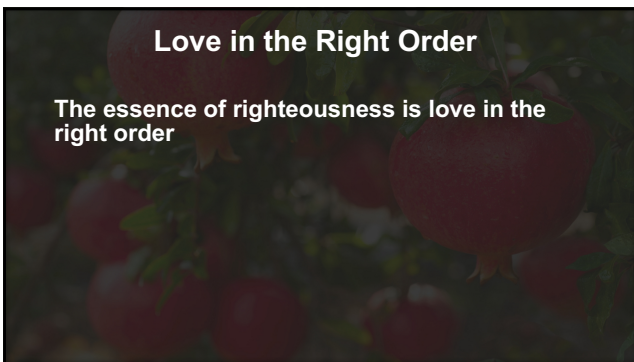
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### Disordered Love

The problem comes when our loves get out of order. It's not that we can't have storge, philia, and eros it is just that we can't have these loves before our love for God and His people.

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What to do when we discover our loves are disordered?

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### 2 Samuel 9:1-13 NKJV

1 Now David said, "Is there still anyone who is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?" 2 And there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba. So when they had called him to David, the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" He said, "At your service!"

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2 Samuel 9:1-13 NKJV

3 Then the king said, "Is there not still someone of the house of Saul, to whom I may show the kindness of God?" And Ziba said to the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan who is lame in his feet." 4 So the king said to him, "Where is he?" And Ziba said to the king, "Indeed he is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, in Lo Debar."

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2 Samuel 9:1-13 NKJV

5 Then King David sent and brought him out of the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, from Lo Debar. 6 Now when Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, had come to David, he fell on his face and prostrated himself. Then David said, "Mephibosheth?" And he answered, "Here is your servant!"

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**2 Samuel 9:1-13 NKJV**

7 So David said to him, "Do not fear, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father's sake, and will restore to you all the land of Saul your grandfather; and you shall eat bread at my table continually." 8 Then he bowed himself, and said, "What is your servant, that you should look upon such a dead dog as I?"

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**2 Samuel 9:1-13 NKJV**

9 And the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said to him, "I have given to your master's son all that belonged to Saul and to all his house. 10 You therefore, and your sons and your servants, shall work the land for him, and you shall bring in the harvest, that your master's son may have food to eat. But Mephibosheth your master's son shall eat bread at my table always." Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.

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**2 Samuel 9:1-13 NKJV**

11 Then Ziba said to the king, "According to all that my lord the king has commanded his servant, so will your servant do." "As for Mephibosheth," said the king, "he shall eat at my table like one of the king's sons."

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### 2 Samuel 9:1-13 NKJV

12 Mephibosheth had a young son whose name was Micha. And all who dwelt in the house of Ziba were servants of Mephibosheth.

13 So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem, for he ate continually at the king's table. And he was lame in both his feet.

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### Mephibosheth

- David had a covenant with Jonathan
- Jonathan gave up his right to rule
- Covenant protection for his family
- Legal heir of Saul's throne
- Living in exile in the house of Machir
- Lo Debar was a remote place for refugees

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### Loving Kindness

Hebrew word **Hesed** - Loyal love. Mercy. Covenant love. Old Testament Hebrew equivalent to Greek word Agape.

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**David Declares His Desire to Show Love**

1 Now David said, "Is there still anyone who is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?"

3 Then the king said, "Is there not still someone of the house of Saul, to whom I may show the kindness of God?"

7 So David said to him, "Do not fear, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father's sake

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**1 Samuel 20:14-15**

14 If I [Jonathan] am still alive, show me the steadfast love of the Lord, that I may not die; 15 and do not cut off your steadfast love from my house forever, when the Lord cuts off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth."

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**Loves in Jonathan's Life**

Object of Love	Type	Result
King Saul	Storge	Loyalty despite volatility
His Family	Storge	Brothers, Uncles, Cousins
Wife	Eros	Wife
Armor Bearer	Philia	Friendship – Comrade
David	Agape	Covenant Love - Loyalty
God	Agape	Covenant Love - Loyalty

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### Priority of Loves in Jonathan's Life

Object of Love	Type	Result
God	Agape	Covenant Love - Loyalty
David	Agape	Covenant Love - Loyalty
Armor Bearer	Philia	Friendship – Comrade
King Saul	Philia	Loyalty despite volatility
Wife	Eros	Wife
His Family	Storge	Brothers, Uncles, Cousins

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### Proverbs 3:3

Don't lose your grip on Love and Loyalty. Tie them around your neck; carve their initials on your heart.

The Message Bible

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### Love Protects and Provides

Love protects the vulnerable members of the covenant like they are Jesus in disguise.

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**John 13:34-35**

34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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**John 15:4**

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

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