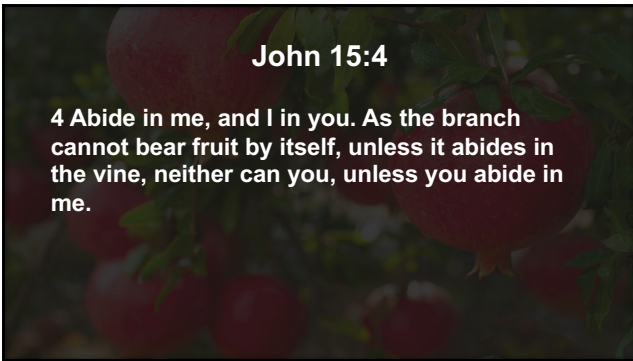
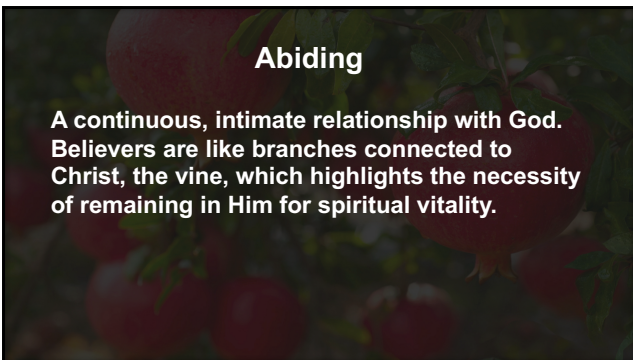




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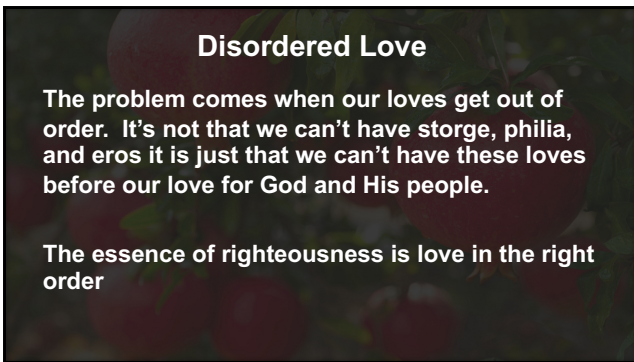
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Feeding Love

We feed **Eros** with intimate words, clothing, scents, meals, music and meaningful settings
 We feed **Storge** with pictures, reunions, talking about old times, visits to favorite spots
 We feed **Philia** by stimulating conversations and wise counsel, faithfully serving together
 We feed **Agape** by enjoying God's presence, worship, word of God and prayer

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Eternal Life is Active Involvement with God

“Life is active involvement with environment; death is the cessation of involvement with the environment, whether it be physical or personal.”
 - M.C. Tenney

Eternal life means that we are alive and active in God's spiritual environment.

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Our Security in Christ

Jesus is committed to us as savior and sanctifier as a drill sergeant is committed to making soldiers for the army.

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Feeding Love

We feed **Agape** by

1. Enjoying God's presence – worship
2. Word of God
3. Prayer
4. Fellowship with the Elect
5. Experiencing freedom from our enemies

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1 John 4:15-19

15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. 17 By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world.

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Law of Displacement

We displace the wrong things by starting to do the right things. If we are at the right place, we are automatically not at the wrong place.

One type of slow displacement is to stop watering one plant (type of love) and start watering another. The result is one plant will grow and the other will slow thus bringing them in balance.

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Solution is to Grow in Love for God

We get love from God and we give love to people. We experience love from God so we can give love to people. So when our love is out of order, the first thought is that we need to grow in love in Christ.

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1 John 4:15-21

18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. 19 We love because he first loved us.

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Why We Love Others

The level and degree we accept God's love is the level and degree we can love others

God Loves Us → We love others

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What We Love in Others

We love the work of God in others.

We trust the Lord to keep us safe in our interactions with others.

God's love expects nothing in return

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How We Love Others

We seek to serve God's Elect expecting nothing in return but the Lord's reward

God's love expects nothing in return

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1 John 3:16

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters

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1 Corinthians 13:1-3

1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.
2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

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1 Corinthians 13:1-3

3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. **4** Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; **5** does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;

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1 Corinthians 13:1-3

6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; **7** bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. **8** Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.

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1 Corinthians 13:1-3

9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part.
10 But when that which is [d]perfect has come,
then that which is in part will be done away.

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John 15:19

If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

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The Lord is a Jealous God

Storge (Affection)	Soul	Shared
Philia (Friendship)	Soul	Shared
Eros (Romantic)	Soul	Exclusive
Agape (Love of God)	Spirit	Exclusive

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Exodus 14:14-16

14 (for you shall worship no other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God), 15 lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they play the harlot with their gods and make sacrifice to their gods, and one of them invites you and you eat of his sacrifice,

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1 John 4:15-21

20 If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. 21 And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

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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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