

**1 JOHN
TRUTH IS REAL**

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**Living With Godly Love Towards Others
Is Not A Suggestion.**

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1 John 3:11-24



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FOUNDATIONAL vs. 11-15

All Anchors On This

- Love God
- Love other
- God's defines love
 - Mercy
 - Compassion
 - Forgiving



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FOUNDATIONAL vs. 11-15

All Anchors On This

Illustrations From The Beginning

- Cain and Abel – Genesis 4:1-16
 - Abel – first born of the flock; God regarded his offering
 - Cain – some of the produce; God did not regard his offering



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Genesis 4:5–7

but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it.”



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- Cain and Abel – Genesis 4:1-16
 - Abel – first born of the flock; God regarded his offering
 - Cain – some of the produce; God did not regard his offering
 - Abel – righteous
 - Cain – evil
 - But notice the warning... “you are angry”... “face fallen” ... IF... And...



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FOUNDATIONAL vs. 11-15

All Anchors On This

Illustrations From The Beginning

- Cain and Abel – Genesis 4:1-16
- Do not be surprised by the world’s hatred
 - Hatred towards Jesus
 - Hatred towards the righteous
 - Nothing new



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Illustrations From The Beginning

Proof Is Love

- Death to life – knowing and experiencing God’s love
- God’s love towards others
- Cannot harbor hate and claim love
- Thoughts towards others matter – Matthew 5:21-22



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Matthew 5:21–22

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire.”



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- Words matter – James 3:9,10



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James 3:9–10

With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.



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DEMONSTRATED vs. 16-18

Selfless Love

- Jesus died for the sins of the world
- Even those that demonstrated hatred towards Him
- Fulfilling the Father's will that was set from before the fall
- Demonstration of love for all
- Satisfaction of the price of sin for all who believe



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DEMONSTRATED vs. 16-18

Selfless Love

Love Backed Up With Actions

- A brother in need
- Believer with the means
- Closes his heart – casting judgment



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DEMONSTRATED vs. 16-18

Selfless Love

Love Backed Up With Actions

Religion Demonstrated Through Actions

- Faith in action demonstrates relationship
- Remembering the outcast
- Do not look like the world

James 1:26-27

If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.



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Context Reminder

- Historical issues between the Jews and the rest of the world
- Gentiles adopted and grafted through faith
- Jews attempting to exclude or conform
- Jewish Christian suffering in Jerusalem; Gentile collected an offering



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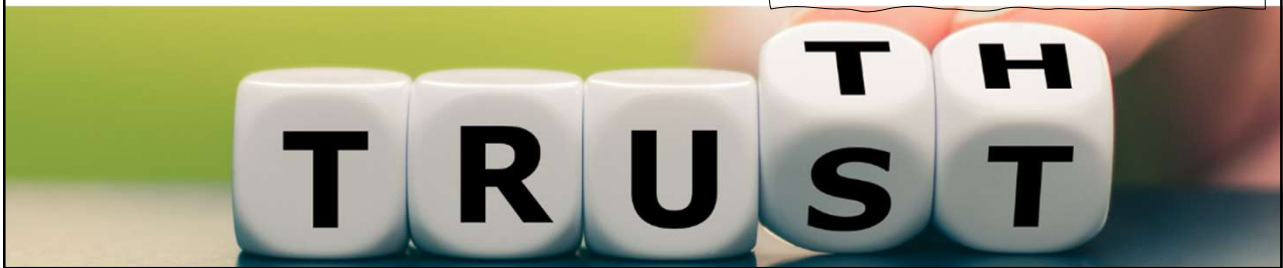
Context Reminder

Words And Actions

- Love is demonstrated through actions
- Deeds demonstrate the truth of God's love

James 2:14-17

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.



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ASSURANCE vs. 19-24

Conviction Is Proof Of Relationship

- God's holiness
- Our sinfulness
- Conviction demonstrates God's love for His creation



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ASSURANCE vs. 19-24

Conviction Is Proof Of Relationship

Truths

- Conviction not condemnation
- Forgiveness not forfeiting (abandonment)



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Truths

Hardest Simple Command... Not Suggestion

- Love one another
- Barriers
 - Judgmental heart
 - Prequalification for love
 - Limited grace
 - Unforgiveness/ bitterness



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Evidence Of Love

- Abiding in Christ
- The Holy Spirit abiding in us
- Remember.. You can't.... But the Holy Spirit does



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**EVIDENCE?
HEART OF ABIDING LOVE
OR
WORLDLY HATRED**



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