

**“BIBLICAL LOVE”**  
**Authentic Love #1**  
**April 11, 2021**

*“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.  
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**Four Types of Love:**

**Storge** – The love of family

**Philia** – The bond between friends

**Eros** – Romantic, passionate love

**Agape** – Active, empathetic, unconditional love

**When We Love as Jesus Loves We Are:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ – My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. John 15:12-13

2. \_\_\_\_\_ – Simon Peter asked him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus replied, “Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later.” <sup>37</sup> Peter asked, “Lord, why can’t I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.” <sup>38</sup> Then Jesus answered, “Will you really lay down your life for me? Very truly I tell you, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times! John 13:36-38

3. \_\_\_\_\_ – At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” <sup>2</sup> He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. <sup>3</sup> And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>5</sup> And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. Matthew 18:1-5

4. \_\_\_\_\_ – When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Matthew 9:36

5. \_\_\_\_\_ – Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup> At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. Mark 10:21-22

**THE JOURNEY DEVOTIONAL**  
**April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Week**  
**Discussion Questions from the Sermon**

1. What was something you read in the weekly Scripture readings or heard in the sermon that made an impact on you? Explain.
2. What were the four types of love that we talked about in the sermon? Where do you see examples of each in your life? Where do you see examples of Agape in our world today?
3. Read John 13:34-35. Everything Jesus did was a perfect example of real love. What images of the life of Jesus particularly communicate love for you?
4. In the sermon we talked about five examples of Agape demonstrated by Jesus. Which of these four spoke particularly to you? Why?
5. Write down each of the five examples from the life of Jesus that were shared in the sermon. Now, next to each word, write one way you can express that example in your own life this week.
6. What is one specific way you can apply the biblical readings and/or the sermon in your life this week? That is, what will you do and when will you do it?

**Weekly Bible Memory Verse:** *“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”* John 13:34-35

**Bible Readings:** Reading these passages of Scripture will help you become like Jesus in how you think and what you do, in addition to preparing you for next week’s sermon. Remember to read these passages slowly, allowing the Lord to speak to your heart and mind:

Monday – Philippians 2:1-11

Tuesday – Hebrews 5:1-10

Wednesday – 2 Corinthians 8:1-9

Thursday – Luke 22:24-34

Friday – Philippians 3:1-14

Saturday – Philippians 2:19-30

Sunday – Philippians 2:1-11