## "DO YOU LOVE ME?"

INTRO TO THE ONE-ANOTHER'S

- \*Greet one another (Rom. 16:16; I Cor. 16:20; II Cor. 13:12; I Pet. 5:14)
- \*Comfort on another (I Thess. 4:18)
- \*Forgive one another (Col. 3:13)
- \*Build one another up (Rom. 15:2; I Thess. 5:11)

- \*Bear one another's burdens (Gal. 6:2)
- \*Encourage one another (Heb. 10:25)
- \*Meet with one another (Heb. 10:25)
- \*Care for one another (I Cor. 12:25)

- \*Minister to one another (I Pet. 4:10)
- \*Pray for one another (Jam. 5:16)
- \*Show hospitality to one another (I Pet. 4:9)
- \*Receive (welcome) one another as Christ received us (Rom. 15:7)

\*Be kind, tender-hearted, and forgiving towards one another (Eph. 4:32; Rom. 12:10)

\*Serve one another (Gal. 5:13)

\*Love one another (Matt. 22:39)

"Love is willing self-sacrifice for the good of another that does not demand reciprocation or that the person being loved is deserving."

-Paul David Tripp

I am thoroughly convinced that the command to love is the most important one on the list.

It is the necessary quality needed to fulfill all of the others. "There are few characteristics in the life of a genuine believer that are as important as the unfailing love for the children of God."

-John MacArthur

This is how the believer's life is lived out in a practical way.

Let me ask you again...

DO YOU LOVE ME?

John 13:34-35 "I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you must also love one another. By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Believers have a God-given capacity to love.

Romans 5:5 "This hope will not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us."

The reason is that it comes from the reality and truth that God is love!

I John 4:7-21

Notice vs. 20-21 where we see the <u>COMMAND</u> to love our brother.

"If anyone says, I love God, yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For the person who does not love his brother he has seen cannot love the God he has not seen. And we have this command from Him: The one who loves God must also love his brother."

Imagine the impact on the world, if the church would function in the way we are told to as it relates to loving each other.

Can you truly say that you are fulfilling the command that Christ left for YOU!

I Peter 4:8 "Above all, maintain an intense love for each other, since love covers a multitude of sins."

How does you being wronged by another affect the way you choose to love?

What does Jesus love look like...

-selfless

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What does our love look like...

The one-another's from the church

Consider the scene in John 13 where Jesus is washing the disciples feet.

This act of service is a great reminder of the close relationship between love and humility.

## Remember these three things:

- 1. Almost all of the time, if you don't love someone, it is because of pride.
- 2. God hates pride.
- 3. The prideful have no capacity to love, because they are more concerned with themselves

Philippians 2:3-8 "Do nothing out of rivalry or conceit, but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves. Everyone should look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. Make your own attitude that of Christ Jesus, who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be used for His own advantage. Instead He emptied

Himself by assuming the form of a slave, taking on the likeness of men. And when He had come as a man in His external form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death—even to death on a cross."

Pride is the elevation of ourselves beyond anyone or anything else.

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The question is who or what.