



Love One Another

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1 John 4:7

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

1 John 4:11

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

1 John 4:18

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

“The reflective life is a way of living that prepares the heart so that something more of eternal significance can be planted there.”

- Ken Gire, *The Reflective Life*

“Every moment and every event of every person's life plants something on their soul. Just as the wind carries thousands of invisible and visible winged seeds, so the stream of time brings with it germs of spiritual vitality that come to rest imperceptibly in the minds and wills of people. Most of these unnumbered seeds perish and are lost because we are not prepared to receive them.”

- Thomas Merton, *Seeds of Contemplation*

“Am I growing more or less irritated these days? Am I growing more easily or less easily discouraged these days?”

- Dallas Willard



John 21:15-19

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”

“Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.” Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.”

The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my sheep. Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God.

Then he said to him, “Follow me!”

When we are at peace: This initiates the ability to be obedient and truly love the lambs that God sends our way.

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How did Jesus love?

Selflessly

Sacrificially

Understanding-ly

Forgiving-ly

Nothing about my current situation, changes the truth. My faith is based on actual events of a man who died, rose from the dead, and provided a clear path to God. (Truth)

The control I thought I had, I never actually had. Striving for it is like chasing the wind. (Truth)

I started to actually listen to people who have gone through real pain, and hear their discoveries, and learn from them.

(Community)

In my desire to understand, I realized that God had picked me up and was running right at the largest wave, and I was screaming, but there was life on the other side. I thanked God for doing what I did not understand. (Practices)