



Behold the Love... Show the Love!

“For I have given you an example...”- (John 13:15)
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Love is at the center of our relationship with God and our relationships with God’s people. The Bible contains what can be compiled as a litany of scriptures about love comparable to none. In fact, some theologians sum up the Gospel as the drama of a love-sick God who gives everything, even the death of His only Son, to restore and secure the safety of and fellowship with those he loves. In our scripture Jesus is intentionally and purposefully directing His love in a very real and discernable way. He demonstrates that one key place this love is shown is in service to others within the fellowship of the disciples.

Behold the love God has for you! Behold the love God meticulously and marvelously demonstrates toward you in a personal way. God eagerly waits for us to open ourselves to the many ways He shows His love for us everyday. This can be difficult. Some are challenged by worldly attractions and distractions which attempt to draw our hearts from God. Others of us struggle with personal failures of the past or public attacks of the present which attempt to separate us from the knowledge and experience of His love. Still there are others who have never been convinced of their own God-given beauty and value, refusing to believe they are even loveable.

Yet, the message of God’s love cannot be avoided, aborted or distorted. God is reaching after you with His love. He always has. He is right now. And He always will. To be open to God’s love, aware of God’s love, and confident in God’s love toward us is key to our spiritual awakening. Are you available to experience the lavishing love God has for you?

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Pray this: “Lord today, and everyday forward, I open my heart and spirit to your love. As you reach toward me I am sensitive today to the many ways you might show forth your nearness. I am sensitive to how I might show forth that love to others through my consistent worship and service at SBC.”

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