

The Gift That Matters Most

John 15:12-17

LET YOUR LOVE BE ROOTED IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

“This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” John 15:12

His love is the standard for how we love one another

What does it mean to love the way Jesus loved?

It means you choose to take the initiative to love

I will love you like Jesus loves you – graciously, mercifully,
abundantly, personally

I will love you openly, truthfully, sacrificially

I will love when it is easy, and I will love when it is hard

WHEN YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER, YOU HAVE TO BE READY TO LAY YOUR LIFE DOWN

*“Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down
one’s life for his friends.”* John 15:13

The Lord calls you and me to lay down our lives in love

Jesus will never command you to go anywhere He has not
already been

Love one another is a privilege, but it is also a challenge

WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER WHEN WE MAKE THE CHOICE TO BUILD EACH OTHER UP

When we love one another, we make the decision to be people who build one another up

“No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing, but I have called you friends.”

John 15:15

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Committed believers should be some of the most encouraging people around

The challenge in John is to make a personal decision that you are going to be a very enriching person in the lives of the people around you

WHEN WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER, WE BEAR FRUIT THAT LASTS

“You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit.” John 15:16

People who love one another make a difference

The most important thing about being commanded to love one another is that it is a call to an active faith

It is putting your life into God’s hands and asking Him to use you to touch the lives of others