



A NEW COMMAND
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IF YOU
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JOHN 13/34-35

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One of the greatest gifts God gives his children is the ability to be supernaturally bonded to a greater community of believers. Being part of God's family enables us to experience a type of true sisterhood and brotherhood that's amazing and unmatched elsewhere.

It's beautiful, it's real and honest but sometimes it's challenging, ugly and just plain hard.

Scripture describes this community as the body of Christ and includes all believers, with Christ being the head and the reason our unity is able to exist. In Romans 12:10, Paul tells us to "be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves". He's telling us to be humble, love and show respect towards others, even when we feel hurt and unloved. That isn't always easy. What about when someone says unkind words about you? or ignores you? or talks behind your back?

Jesus knew that living as a united body would be hard for us. John 13 tells us of how Jesus was with his disciples just before the Passover Festival. He knew it was time for him to leave the world and go to the Father but he spent those last moments with His community displaying humility and love by washing his disciples' feet. In verses 34-35 he left them with a new commandment: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so also you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." So during those times when a member of the body hurts you directly or indirectly, we are not to turn our back and seek revenge or harbor unforgiveness to hurt them in return. Jesus says that it is by your love - not hate or passive aggressiveness - that the rest of the world will know that you are mine. We are supposed to be showing this world who Jesus is by the way we love His church, His body, His family. Jesus doesn't give conditions, or exceptions, for loving one another. It's a commandment: Love one another. That's it. This kind of love is not based on your emotions or circumstances. It's not about what you can get from others or what you can bring to a relationship. You must be humble and love each other just as Jesus displayed and taught.

February is iconically the "love month". But as believers, loving each other goes beyond February 14th - Valentine's Day. Jesus commands us to just LOVE ONE ANOTHER. Period.



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

● ○ ○ YOU&GOD

Meditate on God's love.

Ask God to reveal to you someone in the body of believers that you haven't loved well. Pray for forgiveness. When it gets hard to love them in the way He has commanded, spend some time with the One who is love. (He is faithful to complete his good work in you!) Look at their lives and find a way to serve and love on them, regardless of how small or simple it may seem. By serving them you will be surprised how your heart towards them will be changed. Pray for them.

● ● ○ HUSBANDS&WIVES

Even though marriage may be based on love, it's no secret that showing love and humility in marriage can be the hardest area to do so. Where do you need to humble yourself and show love and honor to your spouse?

Choose to do one thing today that you know will make your spouse feel truly loved.

● ● ● PARENTS&KIDS

God loves us so much! He asks us to love one another because He loves us. We must choose to love our friends, parents, and brothers and sisters...EVEN when it's hard!

What is one way you can show love to someone without expecting anything in return? Write a letter about what you love about your mom or dad? Make something for your sister? Share something of yours that you love with your brother? Be creative and show God's love to someone today!

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