



RELYING ON REAL LOVE

John 13:33-34, John 5:48

John 13:1, It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that **the hour** had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, **he loved them to the end.**

Matthew 26:36-40; Luke 22:44

John 13 - Lessons Jesus Taught His Disciples

- 1) God's love is **CONSISTENT** not **CIRCUMSTANTIAL**. (John 13:1)
- 2) God's love causes us to **BE LOYAL** not to **BETRAY OTHERS**. (John 13:2)
- 3) God's love excels in **ACTION** not just **APPEARANCE**. (John 13:3- 5)
- 4) God's plan **FAILS OR FLOURISHES** based on whether enough people do their part **FAITHFULLY**. (John 13:6-8)

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Loving Interpersonally as Jesus Loves

F - Finding Treasure in Loving God and One Another

R - Relying on Real Love

Managing Tension and Trouble

1) **EMBRACE** Jesus' Impossible Commandment

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2) **EXPERIENCE** Jesus' Incredible Power

Matthew 5:48, **Be perfect**, therefore, **as your heavenly Father is perfect.**

1 John 1:8-9, If we claim to be without sin, we **deceive ourselves** and the **truth is not in us.** ⁹ **If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just** and will **forgive us** our sins and **purify us** from all unrighteousness.

Matthew 14:28, 18:21-22

Moving Toward Testimonies of Goodness

1) **FEELINGS** must be honored.

Ephesians 4:15, **Instead**, speaking **the truth in love**, we will grow to become in every respect **the mature body of him** who is **the head**, that is, Christ.

❖ **Speaking truth without caring about people doesn't work!**

John 11:34-35; Luke 7:12-14

2) **FELLOWSHIP** in Christ love must be esteemed.

1 John 4:17-18, ¹⁷ This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. 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.

❖ **God doesn't judge imperfect people-He perfectly loves and blesses them!**

Questions:

- 1) What did you hear from the Holy Spirit?
- 2) What will you do because of it?
- 3) How can we pray for you?