



**“True Love”
John 13:31-35**

Over the weekend millions of dollars were spent trying to show, attract, hope for love, and yet how well do we truly understand what love is? How many have been left behind in the wake of poor examples and poor demonstrations of love. We talk about the idea that “God is love” but what does that look like in real life?

INTRODUCTION — LOVE DEFINED BY ACTION

Everyone talks about love, but Scripture shows us that love is best understood by what I _____.

TRUE LOVE _____ *John 13:3-5*

Jesus:

- Got up from the _____
- Took off His outer _____
- Wrapped a _____ around Himself

Foot washing was the job of the _____ servant.

“The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve...” (Mark 10:45).

KEY TRUTH:

True love is shown not by my _____, but by my _____.

TRUE LOVE _____ *John 13:6-11*

Peter resisted because true love is often _____.

Jesus teaches that love sometimes requires us to:

- Let go of our _____
- Admit our _____
- Receive what we cannot _____ ourselves

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

Love that costs _____ rarely changes _____.

TRUE LOVE _____ *John 13:12-15*

Jesus says: “I have set you an _____”

Following Jesus means more than _____ Him

it means _____ Him.

“Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.” (1 John 2:6).

KEY TRUTH:

We are not just recipients of Jesus’ _____; we are reflections of His _____.

TRUE LOVE _____ *John 13:34-35*

Jesus gives a _____ command:

“Love one another. As I have _____ you...”

The world will know we belong to Jesus not by our:

- _____
- _____
- _____

But by our _____.

“Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth” (1 John 3:18).

KEY TRUTH:

Love is the _____ evidence of a living faith.

THIS TIME TOMORROW:

Who is God asking me to love — not just in _____, but in _____?