



**“Love Leaves a Mark”**  
**1 John 2:3-17**

**Big Idea:** *Obedience isn't earning God's love; it's evidence that His love is reshaping my life.*

**INTRODUCTION — WHAT LOVE REALLY DOES**

Love is not proven by \_\_\_\_\_.

Love is revealed by \_\_\_\_\_.

John is not asking if we can \_\_\_\_\_ the right things, but whether God's love is actually \_\_\_\_\_ how we live.

**OBEDIENCE IS EVIDENCE, NOT ENTRANCE (1 John 2:3–6)**

“We know that we have come to know Him if we keep His commands.”

Obedience does not \_\_\_\_\_ us into relationship with God.

Obedience \_\_\_\_\_ that a relationship already exists.

Claiming to know God while ignoring His commands is a form of \_\_\_\_\_ faith.

“Whoever claims to live in Him must \_\_\_\_\_ as Jesus did.”

**Key Question:**

Not “Am I \_\_\_\_\_?”

But “Am I becoming \_\_\_\_\_?”

**LOVE IS THE MEASURE OF SPIRITUAL MATURITY (1 John 2:7-11)**

The command to love is both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

It is old because it comes from \_\_\_\_\_.

It is new because it is lived out through \_\_\_\_\_.

According to John, the clearest evidence that we are walking in the \_\_\_\_\_ is how we \_\_\_\_\_ others.

You cannot grow closer to \_\_\_\_\_ while growing colder toward \_\_\_\_\_.

**GROWTH LOOKS DIFFERENT AT DIFFERENT STAGES (1 John 2:12–14)**

John addresses believers as:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

Each group is affirmed for where they are in their \_\_\_\_\_ journey.

Spiritual growth is not \_\_\_\_\_-size-fits-all.

Do not despise where you \_\_\_\_\_.

Do not settle where you've \_\_\_\_\_.

**LOVE FOR GOD REORDERS MY DESIRES (1 John 2:15–17)**

“Do not love the \_\_\_\_\_ or anything in the world.”

John is not condemning \_\_\_\_\_,

but confronting \_\_\_\_\_ loyalties.

The world promises:

- \_\_\_\_\_ without surrender
- \_\_\_\_\_ without obedience
- \_\_\_\_\_ without God

But the world and its desires \_\_\_\_\_ away, while those who do the will of God live \_\_\_\_\_.

**CONCLUSION — WHAT DOES GOD'S LOVE LEAVE BEHIND?**

God's love doesn't just \_\_\_\_\_ us.

It \_\_\_\_\_ us.

It leaves fingerprints on:

- how we \_\_\_\_\_
- how we \_\_\_\_\_
- what we \_\_\_\_\_
- how we \_\_\_\_\_

**This time tomorrow..:**

How am I shaping my relationship with God? Performance or love?