

From This Day Forward Part 3: Redefining Love

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16 NIV

✓ **Unconditional**

✓ **Personal**

✓ **Sacrificial**

✓ **Available**

✓ **Commitment**

*"Dear friends, **let us love one another**, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because **God is love.**" 1 John 4:7-8 NIV*

The secret of love is RECEIVING God's love.

*"This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. **This is love:** not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. We love because he first loved us."*

1 John 4:9-12, 16, 19 NIV

The power of love is GIVING God's love to others.

"It is in loving that we are most like God." – Rick Warren

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1. Say it.

*"And **a voice from heaven said**, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."" Matthew 3:17 NIV*

2. Write it.

*"Love must be **sincere**. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be **devoted** to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves." Romans 12:9-10 NIV*

3. Give it.

*"To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to **love your neighbor as yourself** is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." Mark 12:33 NIV*

4. Forgive it.

*"Jesus said, "**Father, forgive them**, for they do not know what they are doing." Luke 23:34 NIV*

5. Live it.

*"By this **everyone will know** that you are my disciples, if you love one another."" John 13:35 NIV*

*"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the **greatest** of these is **love**." 1 Corinthians 13:13 NIV*