

Sermon: Follow Me into a Life of LOVE – John 13:34-35
(Follow Me series #1)
Sunday, January 2, 2022 @ NLG

Auditorium slides

John 13:34-35 NIV

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2. What does it mean to **LOVE**?

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- Truth without love is brutality *and*
- Love without truth is hypocrisy

3. Our example is to love others like **GOD LOVES US!**

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John 15:12-13 NIV

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Ephesians 3:17-18 NIV

17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, **18** may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,

4. Loving each other will be our **GREATEST WITNESS!**

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1John 4:7-12 NIV

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Galatians 5:22-23 NIV

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