

“We love **BECAUSE** He first loved us.” | JOHN 4:19

**The Truest Pattern for Loving People
is seen in the Life and Death of Jesus Christ**

John 13:34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: **just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.**

LOVING LIKE JESUS

John 13:1 It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love. ²The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. ³**Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God;** ⁴so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

- 1. Christ’s Love flows from a SECURE IDENTITY**
- 2. Christ’s Love puts the Focus on OTHERS**
- 3. Christ’s Love sometimes defies TRADITION**
- 4. Christ’s Love goes beyond Words and Feelings to ACTION**
- 5. Christ’s Love does Good even to ENEMIES**

John 13:6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?” ⁷Jesus replied, “You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” ⁸“No,” said Peter, “you shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.”

6. Christ’s Love is sometimes DECLINED or not Appreciated

7. Christ’s Love includes FORGIVING Others

John 13:9 “Then, Lord,” Simon Peter replied, “not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!” ¹⁰Jesus answered, “A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.” ¹¹For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

8. Christ’s Love is Designed to be CONTAGIOUS

John 13:12 When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. ¹³“You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

LOVEworks Application
**What is Jesus leading you to DO
to share His love with others?**

Bible Reading Plan	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Deuteronomy 24	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday: Deuteronomy 28
<input type="checkbox"/> Monday: Deuteronomy 25	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday: Deuteronomy 29
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday: Deuteronomy 26	<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday: Deuteronomy 30
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday: Deuteronomy 27	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Deuteronomy 31

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