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MATTHEW 5:41

**True  
Second Mile  
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1 John 4:7-12**



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**Open Your Heart Today ...  
... to a Different Kind of Love**

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This is How we love

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**ACTIVE CHALLENGE:**

**Let God Redefine Love for You Today**

# Valentine's Day

A Day Filled With:

- Roses
- Chocolates
- Cards
- Romance
- Feelings

But the Bible Doesn't Talk  
Much About...

**...Romantic Love.**



# LOVE



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**It Talks About a Love that Is ...**

**...Bigger, Deeper, Wilder / More Costly**

**• A Love that Doesn't ...**

**...Make Sense**

**...Depend On Chemistry**

**...Require Compatibility**

**...Wait For You to Deserve It**

**• A Love that Comes from God Alone**

**Look At Someone And Say:**

**"This Love Is Different"**

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# **GOD'S LOVE IS NOT A FEELING; IT'S A SOURCE**

*"...for love is from God." (7)*

**John Does NOT say:**

- **Love is from ROMANCE**
- **Love is from ATTRACTION**
- **Love is from COMPATIBILITY**
- **Love is from EMOTIONS**

**John Says:**

**Love Is from GOD**



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**Let's Break It Down....**

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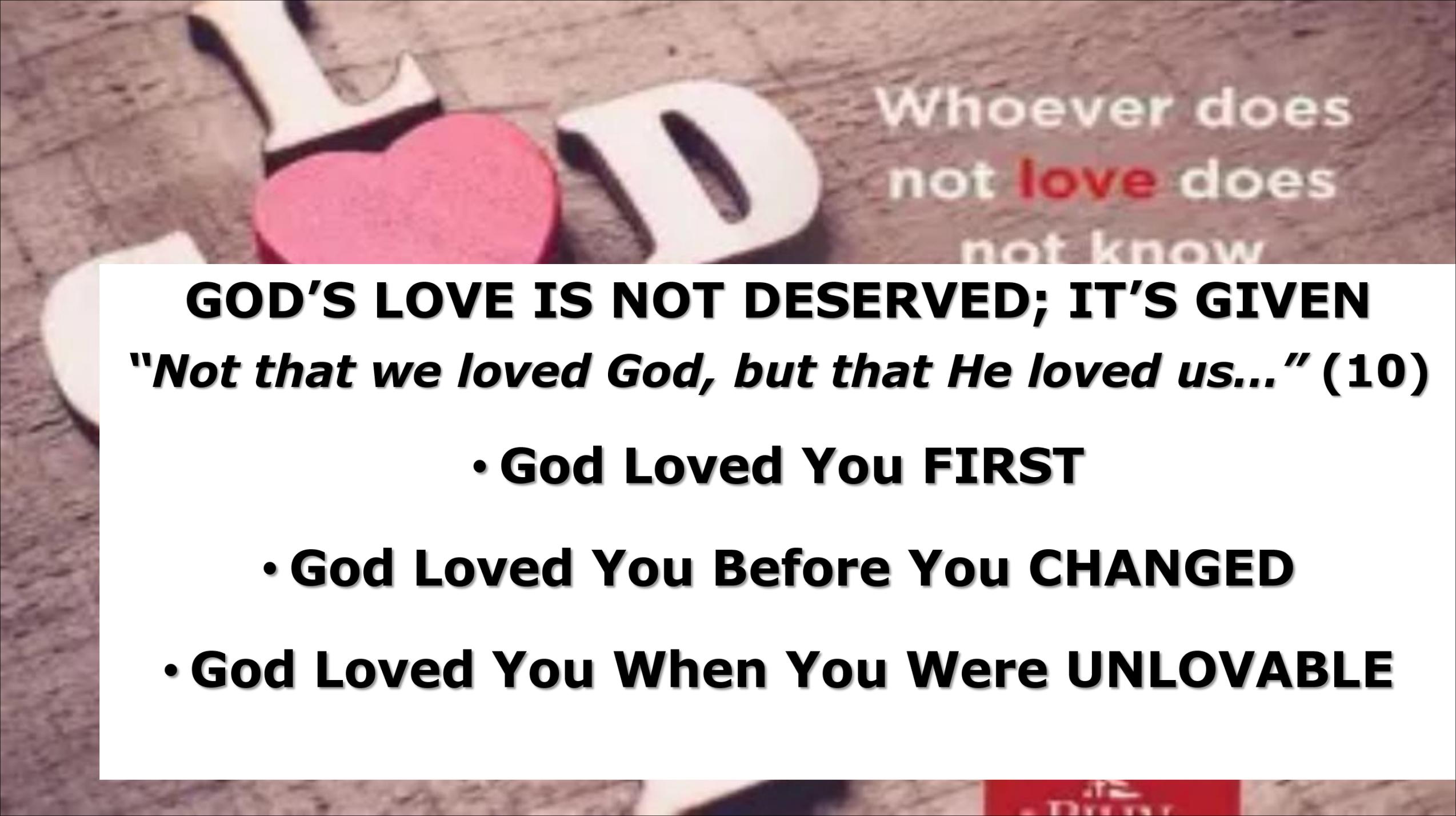
**Ask God to Fill You First**



Whoever does  
not **love** does  
not know  
God, because  
God is **love**

**1 John 4:8**





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***"Not that we loved God, but that He loved us..." (10)***

- **God Loved You FIRST**

- **God Loved You Before You CHANGED**

- **God Loved You When You Were UNLOVABLE**

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**Stop Trying to Earn God’s Love**

**Receive It**

**Rest In It**

**Believe It**

A silhouette of a person on a cross against a dramatic, cloudy sky at sunset or sunrise. The cross is dark and stands on the right side of the image. The person is on the cross, with their arms outstretched. The sky is filled with soft, glowing clouds, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is solemn and reflective.

“This is love:  
not that we loved God,  
but that he loved us and sent  
his Son as an atoning sacrifice  
for our sins.”

1 John 4:10

# **GOD'S LOVE IS NOT SAFE; IT'S SACRIFICIAL**

***"...He sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."***

**(10)**

**This is the Most Unusual Part of God's Love:**

**He Didn't Send:**

- a card**
- a poem**
- an angel**
- a message**

**...He sent His Son**

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**If Your Love Never Costs You Anything...**

**...It's Not Christ- like Love**

**GOD'S  
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ON THE  
CROSS**

— JOHN 3:16



# **GOD'S LOVE IS NOT PRIVATE; IT'S PROVEN**

***"The love of God was made manifest..."***  
**(9)**

- **Love is not invisible**
- **Love is not silent**
- **Love is not theoretical**
- **Love shows up**

“Manifest” = to make visible, reveal, to display publicly.

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**CHALLENGE:**

**Stop Saying You Love People...  
...Start Showing It.**



**We love**  
*because*  
**He first**  
*loved us.*

1 John 4:19

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**CHALLENGE:**

**Love someone this week who cannot repay you**

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# What is Love ?

## **1 Corinthians 13:4-7**

Love is patient and kind;  
love does not envy or boast;  
it is not arrogant or rude.  
It does not insist on its own way;  
it is not irritable or resentful;  
it does not rejoice at  
wrongdoing,  
but rejoices with the truth.

Love 1. bears all things,  
2. believes all things,  
3. hopes all things,  
4. endures all things.

# **GOD'S LOVE IS NOT SEEN IN FEELINGS; IT'S SEEN IN US**

***"No one has ever seen God but if we love one another, God lives in us." (12)***

- **People don't see God by:**
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## **CHALLENGE:**

**Be the proof of God's love to someone who doubts He exists**



# What the Bible Teaches About

# Love

God is love.

1 John 4:7-8

God's love is abundant and faithful.

Psalms 86:15

God's love is personal and unique.

Psalms 139:1-2, 5

Our love flows out of being loved by Him.

1 John 4:19

The greatest commandment is love.

Matthew 22:37-39

The nature of love.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

We must love with our actions.

1 John 3:18

# What the Bible Teaches About

## **“LET GOD LOVE YOU FIRST”**

Tell the room:

You cannot love others  
until you let God love you.

You cannot pour  
until you are filled.

You cannot give  
what you have not received.

Come to the altar saying:

**“Lord, fill me with Your love.”**

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three words  
three words for Day-to-Day Christian Living

**GOD LOVES YOU**



"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 )

<http://seminarygal.com/god-loves-you-3-words-to-cherish>

# **CLOSING DECLARATION**

**I am Loved by God**

**I am Chosen by God**

**I am Pursued by God**

**I am Filled by God**

**I will Love like God**

**I will Show His Love to the World**

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An archaeologist was digging in the Negev Desert in Israel and came upon a tomb containing a mummy. After examining it, he called the curator of a prestigious natural-history museum.

"I've just discovered the 3,000 year-old mummy of a man who died of heart failure!"  
the excited scientist exclaimed.

The curator replied, "Bring him in. We'll check it out."  
A week later, the amazed curator called the archaeologist.  
"You were right about the mummy's age and cause of death.  
How in the world did you know?"

"Easy. There was a piece of paper in his hand that said, '10,000 Shekels on Goliath'."