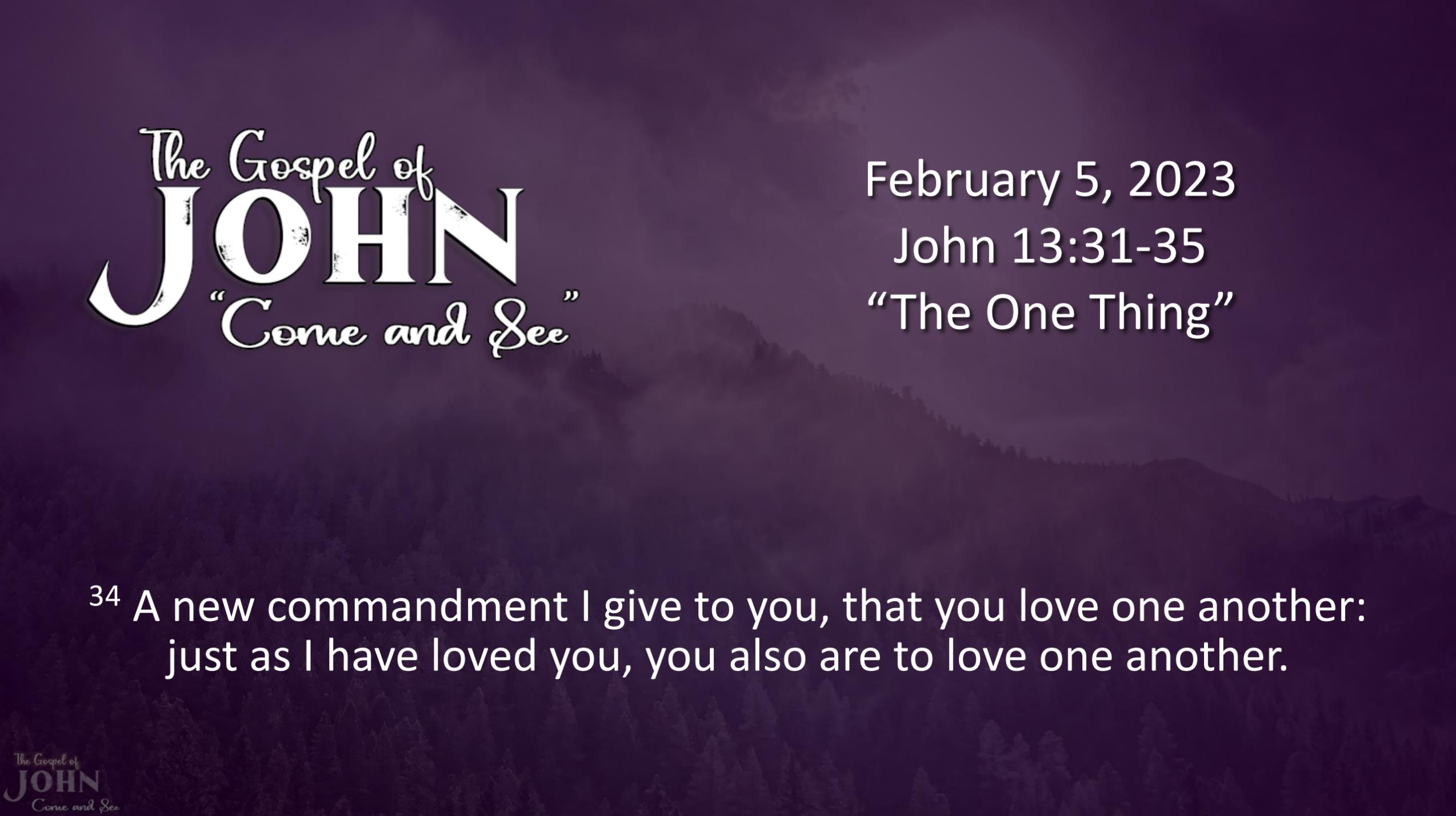




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The Gospel of
JOHN
"Come and See"

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John 13:31-35

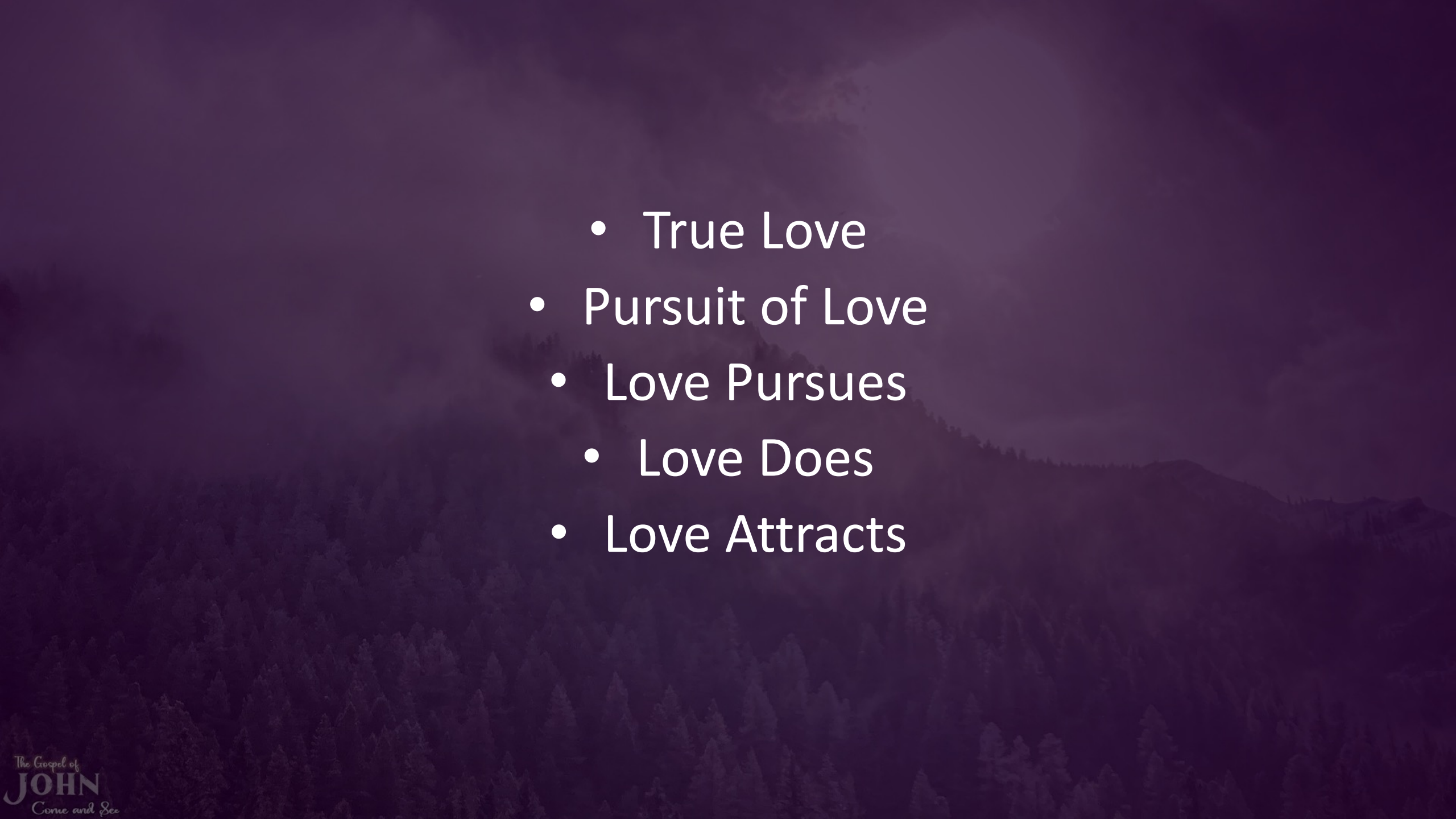
"The One Thing"

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.

John 13:1-20

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’

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True Love

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.

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Song 2:4
“his banner over me was love.”

Song 8:6
“for love is strong as death”

Prov 10:12
“love covers all offenses.”

Deuteronomy 6:5
You shall love the LORD your God with
all your heart and with all your soul and
with all your might.

Zephaniah 3:17
The LORD your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.

Pursuit of Love

"Love is an
irresistible desire
to be irresistibly
desired."
— Robert Frost

"Hate cannot drive out hate:
only love can do that."
— Martin Luther King Jr.

"Better to have
loved and lost,
than to have never
loved at all."
— St. Augustine

"Love is a Battlefield."
— Pat Benatar

"Can anybody find me
somebody to love?"
— Queen

"All you need is love."
— Paul McCartney

Pursuit of Love

“The greatest thing you'll ever learn
is to love and be loved in return.”

— Nat King Cole

“Looking for love in all the wrong places”

— Johnny Lee

Love Pursues

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.

1 John 4

¹⁶ So we have come to know
and to believe the love that God
has for us. God is love, and
whoever abides in love abides
in God, and God abides in him.

1 John 3:16

By this we know love, that
he laid down his life for us...

Love Pursues

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.

Luke 22:20

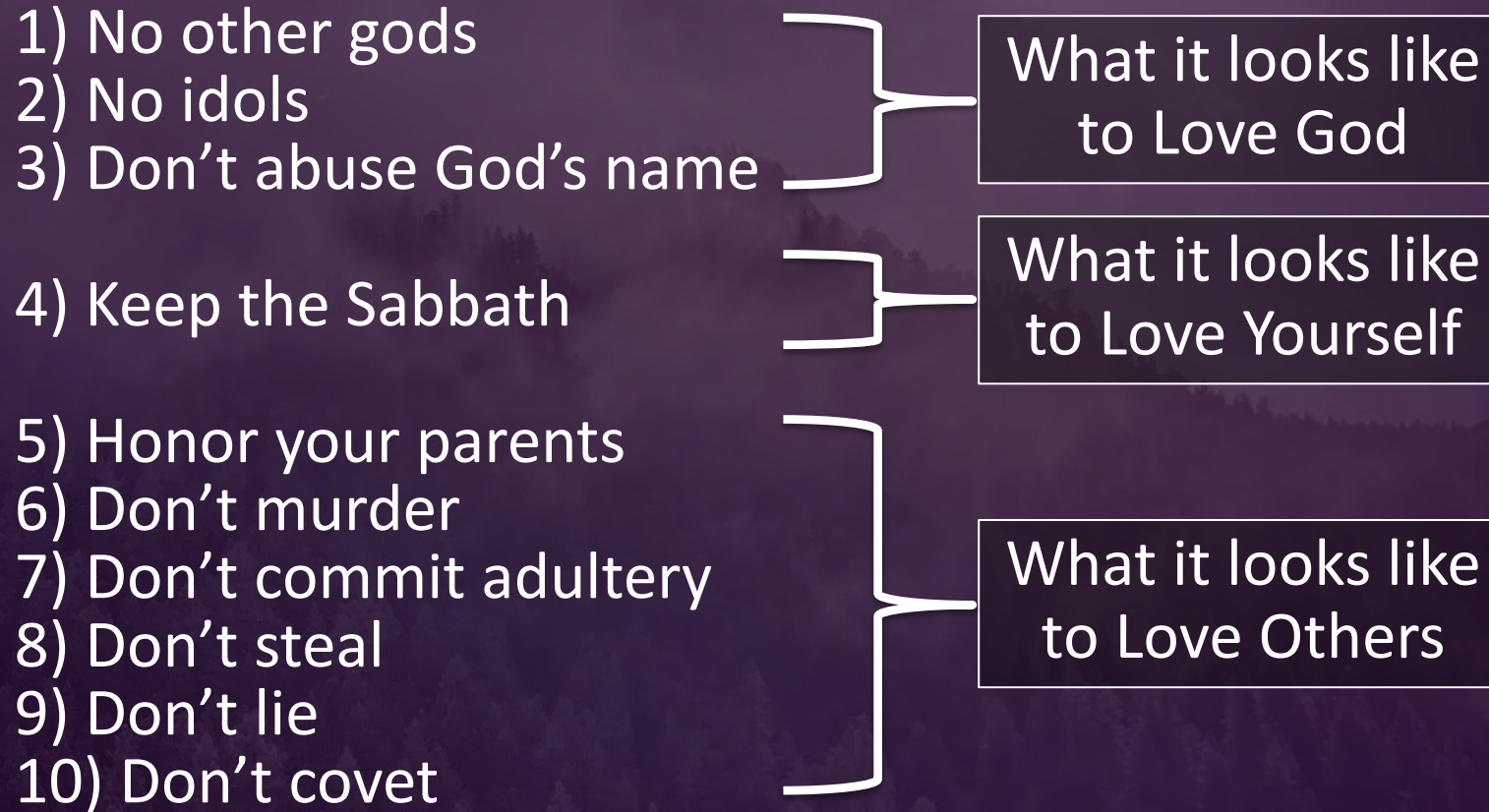
And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the **new covenant** in my blood.

Hebrews 9:15

Therefore he is the mediator of a **new covenant**, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the **first covenant**.

Love Does

Covenant of Works: Do this, Get This



The Law reveals God's Character as well as mine.

Love Does

Mark 12:28-34

And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?” ²⁹ Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ ³¹ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Galatians 5:14

For the whole law is fulfilled in one word:
“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Covenant of Grace: Christ did, We Get

1 John 3:16

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us...

...therefore....

...we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.

Behavior does not define my character;
My character defines my behavior.

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But what does loving others actually look like?



Willful,
Sacrificial

Emotional,
Relational

John 21:15

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶ He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.

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Love Up in Worship
Love Around in Community
Love Out in Service

1 John 4

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.



Love Attracts

³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

“Look . . . how they love one another (for they themselves [pagans] hate one another); and how they are ready to die for each other (for they themselves are readier to kill each other).”

Tertullian,
2nd century lawyer/theologian in North Africa (Tunisia)

The Shema

Shema Israel
Adonai eloheinu
Adonai echad.
Ve'ahavta et Adonai eloheykha
b'khol-levavkha
Uve'khol naphshekha
Uve'khol me'odekha.
Ve'ahavta le'reacha Kamocha
Amen

Hear O Israel
The LORD is our God
The LORD Alone
Love the LORD Your God
With all your heart
And with all your soul
And with all your might
And Love your neighbor as yourself
Amen