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Dear Tim – Week #3 Leading in Love

1 Timothy 4:12 (NIV)

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

- **As adults, we have much to teach; we also have much to learn.**
- **“Children exercise imagination while adults prioritize maturity”**
- **To lead in love, we need to see what could be!**

John 13:34-35 (NLT)

So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. ³⁵ Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”

- **To lead in love, we must love like Jesus!**

John 4:3-4 (NLT)

So he left Judea and returned to Galilee. ⁴ He had to go through Samaria on the way.

- **Who is out of your way, and in need of God's love?**

John 4:5-7 (NLT)

Eventually he came to the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime. ⁷ Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink."

- **To lead in love, we have to meet people where they are!**

John 4:8-9 (NLT)

He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food. ⁹ The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?"

- **To lead in love, we have to see those we haven't seen before.**

John 4:10-12 (NLT)

Jesus replied, "If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water." ¹¹ "But sir, you don't have a rope or a bucket," she said, "and this well is very deep. Where would you get this living water? ¹² And besides, do you think you're greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well? How can you offer better water than he and his sons and his animals enjoyed?"

John 4:13-14 (NLT)

Jesus replied, "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. ¹⁴ But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life."

- **To lead in love, we have to point people to Jesus first!**

John 4:39-42 (NLT)

Many Samaritans from the village believed in Jesus because the woman had said, "He told me everything I ever did!" ⁴⁰ When they came out to see him, they begged him to stay in their village. So he stayed for two days, ⁴¹ long enough for many more to hear his message and believe. ⁴² Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not just because of what you told us, but because we have heard him ourselves. Now we know that he is indeed the Savior of the world."

- **When we lead in love, people can be changed!**

Bottom Line: To love like Jesus, our love for others has to be greater than our love for ourselves.