



LOVE THAT TRANSFORMS III

LOVE IN ACTION • LOVING ONE ANOTHER

LAST WEEK:

FOUR PRACTICAL WAYS TO LOVE

- 1. LOVE GOD WITH ALL YOUR **HEART** — WORSHIP, & OBEDIENCE
- 2. LOVE GOD WITH ALL YOUR **SOUL** — IDENTITY & SURRENDER
- 3. LOVE GOD WITH ALL YOUR **MIND** — THOUGHTS & VALUES
- 4. LOVE GOD WITH ALL YOUR **STRENGTH** — ACTIONS & RESOURCES

MARK 12:28–31 (NKJV)

- ³⁰AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.’ THIS IS THE FIRST COMMANDMENT.
- ³¹AND THE SECOND, LIKE IT, IS THIS: ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’ THERE IS NO OTHER COMMANDMENT GREATER THAN THESE.”

LOVING ONE ANOTHER

- YOU CANNOT TRULY LOVE GOD WITHOUT **LOVING PEOPLE**. VERTICAL LOVE ALWAYS PRODUCES **HORIZONTAL EVIDENCE**.



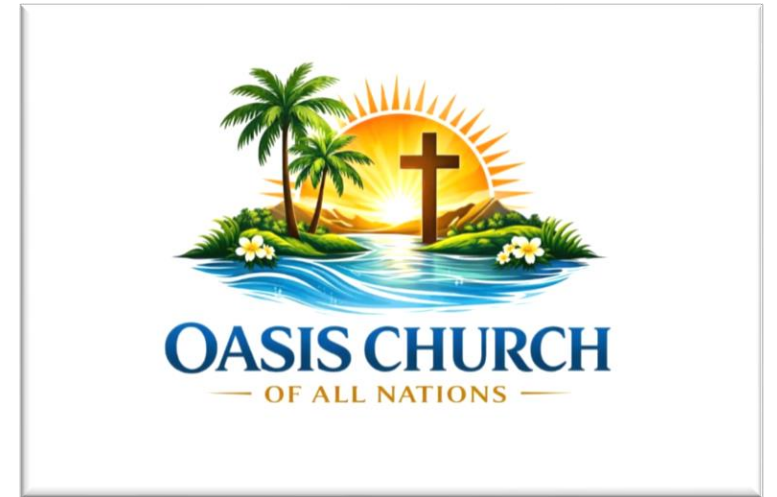
JOHN 13:34–35 (NKJV)

- **³⁴A NEW COMMANDMENT I GIVE TO YOU, THAT YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER; AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, THAT YOU ALSO LOVE ONE ANOTHER. ³⁵BY THIS ALL WILL KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES, IF YOU HAVE LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER.”**
- **LOVE IS THE VISIBLE PROOF THAT CHRIST IS ALIVE IN US...**



- HOW DO WE EXPRESS LOVE IN A SCRIPTURAL AND PRACTICAL WAY?

THREE PRACTICAL WAYS TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER





1. LOVE WITH GRACE AND FORGIVENESS

- THE CHURCH IS NOT A MUSEUM FOR SAINTS—IT'S A **HOSPITAL FOR THE BROKEN**. HOSPITALS ARE MESSY, BUT HEALING HAPPENS THERE.



1. LOVE WITH GRACE AND FORGIVENESS

- **COLOSSIANS 3:12–13 (NKJV)**
- ¹²THEREFORE, AS THE ELECT OF GOD, HOLY AND BELOVED, PUT ON TENDER MERCIES, KINDNESS, HUMILITY, MEEKNESS, LONGSUFFERING;
- ¹³BEARING WITH ONE ANOTHER, AND FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER, IF ANYONE HAS A COMPLAINT AGAINST ANOTHER; EVEN AS CHRIST FORGAVE YOU, SO YOU ALSO MUST DO....

2. LOVE THROUGH SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

- OUR SOCIETY CONFUSES LOVE AND LUST. UNLIKE LUST, GOD'S KIND OF LOVE IS DIRECTED OUTWARD TOWARDS OTHERS, NOT INWARD TOWARD OURSELVES. IT IS UTTERLY UNSELFISH. THIS KIND OF LOVE GOES AGAINST OUR NATURAL INCLINATIONS. (THBA, 384)

2. LOVE THROUGH SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

- JESUS GIVES A **NEW COMMANDMENT**—NOT TO LOVE SELECTIVELY, BUT **SACRIFICIALLY**, “AS I HAVE LOVED YOU.”
- BIBLICAL LOVE IS: INTENTIONAL, SACRIFICIAL, UNCONDITIONAL, CONSISTENT

2. LOVE THROUGH SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

- **GALATIANS 5:13–15 (NKJV)**

- ¹³FOR YOU, BRETHREN, HAVE BEEN CALLED TO LIBERTY; ONLY DO NOT USE LIBERTY AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE FLESH, BUT THROUGH LOVE SERVE ONE ANOTHER.
- ¹⁴FOR ALL THE LAW IS FULFILLED IN ONE WORD, EVEN IN THIS: “YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.”
- ¹⁵BUT IF YOU BITE AND DEVOUR ONE ANOTHER, BEWARE LEST YOU BE CONSUMED BY ONE ANOTHER!...

3. LOVE THROUGH ENCOURAGEMENT AND HONOR

- **ROMANS 12:9–15 (NKJV)**
- ⁹LET LOVE BE WITHOUT HYPOCRISY. ABHOR WHAT IS EVIL. CLING TO WHAT IS GOOD. ¹⁰BE KINDLY AFFECTIONATE TO ONE ANOTHER WITH BROTHERLY LOVE, IN HONOR GIVING PREFERENCE TO ONE ANOTHER; ...
- BUILD PEOPLE UP INSTEAD OF TEARING THEM DOWN.





LOVE DEFINED

- **L** – LISTENING WHEN ANOTHER IS SPEAKING
- **O** – OVERLOOKING PETTY FAULTS AND FORGIVING ALL FAILURES
- **V** – VALUING OTHER PEOPLE FOR WHO THEY ARE
- **E** – EXPRESSING LOVE IN PRACTICAL WAY (DENIS WAITLEY IN SEEDS OF GREATNESS)

SO WHAT?



- WHO IS GOD CALLING YOU TO LOVE INTENTIONALLY?
- RELEASE BITTERNESS AND CHOOSE FORGIVENESS
- PRACTICE LOVE IN INCONVENIENT MOMENTS



1 JOHN 4:7–8 (NKJV)

- ⁷BELOVED, LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER, FOR LOVE IS OF GOD; AND EVERYONE WHO LOVES IS BORN OF GOD AND KNOWS GOD.
- ⁸HE WHO DOES NOT LOVE DOES NOT KNOW GOD, FOR GOD IS LOVE.

YES I WILL

- LOVE WITH GRACE AND FORGIVE
- LOVE THROUGH SERVICE AND SACRIFICE
- LOVE THROUGH ENCOURAGEMENT AND HONOR
- BY:
 - LOVING INTENTIONALLY
 - RELEASING BITTERNESS AND CHOOSING FORGIVENESS
 - PRACTICING LOVE IN INCONVENIENT MOMENTS



TRANSFORMED
BY LOVE

NUMBERS 6:24–26 (NKJV)

- 24“THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU;
- 25THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE SHINE UPON YOU,
AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU;
- 26THE LORD LIFT UP HIS COUNTENANCE UPON
YOU, AND GIVE YOU PEACE.” ’



3. LOVE THROUGH ENCOURAGEMENT AND HONOR

- ROMANS 12:9–15 (NKJV)
- ¹¹NOT LAGGING IN DILIGENCE, FERVENT IN SPIRIT, SERVING THE LORD;
- ¹²REJOICING IN HOPE, PATIENT IN TRIBULATION, CONTINUING STEADFASTLY IN PRAYER;
- ¹³DISTRIBUTING TO THE NEEDS OF THE SAINTS, GIVEN TO HOSPITALITY.
- ¹⁴BLESS THOSE WHO PERSECUTE YOU; BLESS AND DO NOT CURSE.
- ¹⁵REJOICE WITH THOSE WHO REJOICE, AND WEEP WITH THOSE WHO WEEP.

