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Real Love ^{part 1}

Its Biblical Dimensions



1. **Agapáo & Let** _____

2. **Resolve to Agapáo &** _____

3. **Always Keep** _____

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. In what ways can you testify to the claim that we were made for *agapé* love and not its cheap substitutes?
2. What is the difference between the kinds of attractions and emotions that pass for "love" these days but in reality don't look anything like the biblical description of *agapé* love?

Why is it so important to carefully define "love" from a biblical perspective? What is at stake if we do not?

3. **Read 1 John 3:16.** What are some of the subtle ways selfishness and self-interests can creep into your relationships with the people you love?

What are some of the subtle ways selfishness and self-interests can creep into your love for God?

4. **Read Matthew 22:36-38.** What are some of the practical reasons it is important to keep the order of these commands straight ("first" then "second")?

Here is a list of other recorded sermons by Pastor Mike which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

- CD # 0733 – **Countercultural Christians: Sacrifice Instead of Selfishness**
- CD # 0502 – **The Balance of Biblical Love: Learning the Art of Godly Compassion**
- CD # 9814 – **Adding to Your Faith: Cultivating a Love that Lasts**
- CD # 0407 - 0410 – **Prompted by Love (a four-part series on 1 Corinthians 13)**

Read Through the Bible in a Year

Here's this week's schedule:

- April 5th**
Josh.5-6 & Lk.20
- April 6th**
Josh.7-8 & Lk.21
- April 7th**
Josh.9-10 & Lk.22
- April 8th**
Josh.11-12 & Lk.23
- April 9th**
Josh.13-14 & Lk.24
- April 10th**
Josh.15-16 & Jn.1
- April 11th**
Josh.17-18 & Jn.2
- April 12th**
Josh.19-20 & Jn.3

Here are some resources which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.

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