

Broken Signposts: LOVE

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We are in a Sermon Series called Broken Signposts. Signposts are dimensions of how God created humanity, but because of the Fall, have been broken. But now, because of Resurrection, Christ-followers can bring restoration and healing! Today we examine Love!

1. Love is the Universal Desire which calls us out of ourselves into areas of _____!

- The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.” Genesis 2:18

What are the Appropriate Expressions of Human Love?

- Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ Matthew 22:37
- When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” John 21:15a

2. John’s Gospel is first and foremost a _____!

“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. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”

John 3:16-17

Page after page of John’s Gospel we see Jesus as LOVE, but then we come to Chapter 13...Love Supercharged!

“It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to **leave this world** and go to the Father. **Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.**” John 13:1

- “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and **I lay down my life for the sheep.**” John 10:14-15

- “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them the life of the coming age. They will never, ever perish; and nobody can snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all and no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one.” John 10:27-30 (KNT)

3. As New Creation People, LOVE is Supercharged through _____.

▪ Supercharged Love washes the feet/serves those who will betray!

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. ¹³ “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ **I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.** ¹⁶ Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, **you will be blessed if you do them.** John 13:12-17

“Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross! Philippians 2:6-8

▪ Supercharged Love for One Another refuses to quit!

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this **everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.**” John 13:34-35

▪ Supercharged Love lives Loyalty to God, the Word & in Fellowship/Partnership with God

Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.” John 14:23-24

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