

HE FIRST LOVED US
FIREPROOF YOUR RELATIONSHIPS: SERMON TWO
1 JOHN 4:7-19

FOUR PRINCIPLES OF RELATIONSHIPS from John:

1. TO LOVE IN A PROFOUND WAY, WE MUST HAVE A PROFOUND ENCOUNTER WITH GOD'S LOVE

1 John 4:7 -- Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

If you want to give away love, you must have received love from the source of love: God

2. WHEN PEOPLE HAVE RECEIVED GOD'S LOVE THEY SHOULD SHARE IT – v. 12

1 John 4:12 – Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

A Hard Truth: If you are not loving others, you do not have God

1 John 4:8, 16, 20 - The one who does not love does not know God for God is love! Whoever lives in love lives in God. If someone says, "I love God," but hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen

3. THE MORE YOU LEARN ABOUT GOD'S LOVE FOR YOU, THE MORE YOU ARE ABLE TO LOVE THOSE AROUND YOU.

How do you learn about God's love? Enter a relationship with Him.

Revelation 3:20 – "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me."

4. WE LOVE BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US.

1 John 4:19 – "We love because He first loved us."

The First Step In Starting A Relationship With God

Tell God: *Lord Jesus, I want to receive your love today. I believe you came and died for me, and I want to be your friend and follower, starting today. So I officially invite you into my life today. Lead me, guide me, and love me, so that I can love others better each day.*

Love Dare Challenge

HUSBANDS:

Every day this week, ask the lord to show you one way to love your wife, and then do it.

WIVES:

Every day this week, ask the lord to show you one way to love your husband, and then do it.

SINGLES:

Make a list (right now) of 6 family members, friends or co-workers and assign a day to each of them. Then, every day this week, ask the lord to show you one way to love the person of the day, and then do it.