

Love Like a Fountain
John 15:9-17

Jesus taught in John 15:9-17 that there is one command which, like a powerful _____, would pull all the other desires of Christ for our lives _____.

The highest command Jesus reiterated numerous times is to love one another as _____ us. Before Jesus gave this command, He made clear that it wouldn't be possible if first we did not _____ and _____ God's love for us. Without a _____ from deep within, the love we draw out and give away will run dry. But if we are intimately connected to Christ, constantly experiencing His love afresh, we can give away love _____.

Jesus said we must know and remain in His love. But to _____ in His love, we must _____ His _____ to love. This seems counterintuitive. We think that to remain in His love would mean to _____ it. Jesus says just the opposite. The only way to remain in Christ's love is to _____ it away. For His love to remain fresh and vibrant and be _____ in us each day, we must give away as much of God's love to others as possible. His love should flow like a _____ from our lives.

What does that look like? Jesus said it looks like _____. It looks like laying down one's life for others. Jesus would do that _____ on the Cross. But He had _____ it with them each day upon the earth.

So, what does the love He commands look like? Not using what we have for our advantage but for the advantage of _____. To _____ one another. To humble yourselves and not seek to be _____. To do nothing out of _____ ambition or vain conceit. In humility to value others _____ yourselves, not looking to your own _____ but each of you to the interests of the others.

This is Christ's command for us. When we take seriously His command and put it into practice, we'll be surprised how a _____ supply of God's love will _____ our lives.