



I HAVE DECIDED TO LIVE A LIFE OF LOVE

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John 13:34-35 (NLT) *Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.*

Colossians 3:14 (NLT) *The most important piece of clothing you must wear is love. Love is what binds us all together in perfect harmony.*

1 Corinthians 14:1 (NLT) *Let love be your highest goal.*

The highest goal of life is to have an " _____ " kind of love, the type of love that _____ people together.

1 John 3:14 (NLT) *If we love our Christian brothers and sisters, it proves that we have passed from death to life. But a person who has no love is still dead.*

Ephesians 3:19 (NLT) *May you experience the love of Christ, though it is so great you will never fully understand it. Then you will be filled with the fullness of life and power that comes from God.*

HOW DO I EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE

1. By spending time in _____.

1 John 4:17 (NLT) *And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we are like Christ here in this world.*

2. By _____ to love people.

John 15:13 (VOICE) *There is no greater way to love than to give your life for your friends.*

Galatians 5:15 (NLT) *If instead of showing love among yourselves you are always biting and devouring one another, watch out!*

LIVE IN THE LOVE OF GOD

Hebrews 6:10 (NLT) *God will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have shown your love to him by caring for other believers, as you still do.*

- Love _____ others.

Galatians 5:13 (NLT) *You have been called to live in freedom – not freedom to satisfy your sinful nature, but freedom to serve one another in love.*

- Love _____ others.

Ephesians 4:2 (NLT) *Be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.*

- Love _____ others.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (TPT) *Love is incredibly patient. Love is gentle and consistently kind to all. It refuses to be jealous when blessing comes to someone else. Love does not brag about one's achievements nor inflate its own importance. Love does not traffic in shame and disrespect, nor selfishly seek its own honor. Love is not easily irritated or quick to take offense. Love joyfully celebrates honesty and finds no delight in what is wrong. Love is a safe place of shelter, for it never stops believing the best for others. Love never takes failure as defeat, for it never gives up. Love never stops loving Love remains long after words of knowledge are forgotten.*

Romans 12:9 (NLT) *Don't just pretend that you love others. Really love them.*



Week 1: We decided to draw our identity from Jesus.

Week 2: We decided to live out God's plan for our life.

Week 3: I have decided to live a life of righteousness.

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HOW DO I EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE

1. By spending time in **God's presence**. Receive His love.

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2. By **using God's love** to love people. Give His love away.

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- God has called you to be a blessing, not a curse.
- He's called you to unite people together, not divide them.
- He's called you to be for people, not against them.
- He's called you to cover people's sin, not expose it.
- He has called you to heal people, not hurt them.

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. . . you continue to criticize and come against each other over minor issues, you're acting like wild beasts! - TPT

LIVE IN THE LOVE OF GOD

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- Love **cares for** others. We take care of each other.

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- Love **serves** others. We put others before ourselves.

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- Love **has grace for** others. It isn't nitpicky. Love forgives and overlooks the offenses of others. Religious people often spend their time practicing rituals instead of loving people.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

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**Strong Faith
FAMILY CHURCH**

"Leave church feeling loved!"

I Have Decided Part 3

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