

# EMPOWERING LOVE HE FIRST LOVED US

Memory Verse: "We love because He first loved us." - 1 John 4:19

## Overview

In this Appear Bible Study we're going to explore God's empowering love. How does God make love to us? Where do we find the strength to love others? How can we overcome sin in our lives?

Today, we'll look at the source of love.

## Key Verse

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If you haven't already, spend a few minutes praying, inviting the Holy Spirit into your conversation.

2

Read the Key Verse. Do you think the priority of love in this verse is important, and why? In what ways do you love (children in your own family) and what impact does this have on ourselves and our relationships? How have you seen yourself rely on God's empowering love and what was the difference?

In our relationships with others, we don't rely on receiving their love to give it. We're called to give, regardless of the return. In our relationship with God, our love for Him comes first, and is empowered by His love for us. We're receiving love from us and His that we love Him, and others, more deeply.

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Read 1 John 4:19, John 13:15, 12:15, 20:26. In what ways does God love us? What's the difference between loving others based on His example or loving others because it's simply the right thing to do? How does understanding the source of our love make Matt 22:37-40 more powerful?

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Read Gen 1:27-28, 2:21-25; 18:1-12; Lev 14:15; Rom 5:1-5. What pattern do we see in these examples? What does it show us about God's character? Is there anything in your life where you need to mirror that? Remember, we love because He first loved us.

## APPLICATION



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### Thinking

What is the main thing you have learned or been reminded of in today's study?

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### Doing

How are you going to apply what you've learned?

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### Committing

Commit to keep each other accountable in your application. Be ready to share the next time you meet.

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### Praying

Close this study in prayer, thanking God and asking Him for love, strength, and wisdom.