



LOUDER WEEK 1 DEVOTIONAL

LOVE

RECEIVE

Slowly. Prayerfully, read out loud **Galatians 5**. Before and after each reading, pause for a moment of silence. In that silence pray asking the Spirit of Christ to guide you into knowing and living what you are receiving from the Scripture. Consider, what does God want you to reflect on and learn?

REFLECT

1. What is one idea from the message that captured your attention?
2. Would you define love more as an action or a feeling? Why?
3. The Apostle Paul states in verse 6, "The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love." How does that look in your home daily? At work? At church? With strangers?
4. What is the difference between viewing love as a gift and love as a biblical obligation?
5. How is not humbly loving one another being stuck in captivity? (verses 13–14)
6. What hinders you from expressing your faith through love? What helps you to be more free in this calling on our lives?
7. In what way does love, as part of the fruit of the Spirit growing in someone similar to fruit growing on a tree?

8. Choose one of the following quotes and share what captures your attention in relation to understanding love:
- a. “Love is the answer to both legalism and license.”
– Christopher Wright
 - b. “Evangelical Christianity in the United States is often characterized by a deep desire to have “Christianity” pervade our culture but not have Christ permeate our being.” – Rich Villodas
 - c. “God’s answer to the problem of suffering, darkness, brokenness and pain, was not a theological explanation or a set of moral instructions. God’s answer was Himself.” – Sharon Hodde Miller

RESPOND

This week, to all who come across your path, ask first, “What can I do for this person?” In so doing, love them. Make note of where you have resistance or freedom to this and reflect on what the Holy Spirit is teaching you.

RESOURCE

Go to BibleProject.com and watch their *Agape-Love* [video](#).

SCRIPTURE

Galatians 5:13–14 | New International Version

You, My brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.