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Deuteronomy 5:10

“But I lavish unfailing love for a thousand generations on those who love me and obey my commands.”

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John 3:16

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”

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Deuteronomy 6:5

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul,
and all your strength.”

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John 1:12

“But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.”

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Our own selves

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John 17:20–23

“I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me. “I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as

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John 17:20–23

we are one. I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me."

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Intimacy with God

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God loves you and me

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John 16:23

"I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me."

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John 17:24

“Father, I want these whom you have given me to be with me where I am. Then they can see all the glory you gave me because you loved me even before the world began!”

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Romans 8:37-39

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Our response to God's love

- Receive God's love: Humbly & sincerely



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- Receive God's grace

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2 Corinthians 12:9

“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness”



Our response to God's love

- Receive God's love: Humbly & sincerely
- Receive God's grace
- Trust God wholeheartedly

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Proverbs 3:5-6

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”

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Isaiah 26:3

"You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you"

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Our response to God's love

- Receive God's love: Humbly & sincerely
- Receive God's grace
- Trust God wholeheartedly
- Obey God's commands

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Loving God

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Matthew 22:37–38

“Jesus replied, “‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment.”

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John 21: 15-17

"Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?",
"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Then Jesus responded, "Feed my lambs." Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

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Matthew 15:8–9

“These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules”

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Do the following things 'with all your heart'

- Love the Lord
- Trust in the Lord
- Obey the Lord
- Praise the Lord
- Work for the Lord

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To cultivate our Intimacy with God, let's:

- Spend Time with God



To cultivate our Intimacy with God, let's:

- Spend Time with God
- Learn about God



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- Spend Time with God
- Learn about God
- Hear from God



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- Learn about God
- Hear from God
- Speak to God

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To cultivate our Intimacy with God, let's:

- Spend Time with God
- Learn about God
- Hear from God
- Speak to God
- Learn from others about God

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To cultivate our Intimacy with God, let's:

- Love the things God loves
- Hate the things that God hates
- Do the things God would want you to do
- Think of things that God wants you to
- Avoid things that offend God

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John 14:15-18

“If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.”

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The Holy Spirit

- Is a helper who will be with us forever.
- Is The Spirit of Truth
- Will Teach us all things & remind us
- will testify about Jesus
- Is our Advocate, counsellor, and guide

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The Holy Spirit

- Convicts the world of sin & righteousness and judgement
- Helps us to resist the desires of the flesh.
- Brings out the fruit of the spirit:

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Galatians 5:22–23

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”

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Jesus' promise and command

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Receiving the Holy Spirit

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Thirst!

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John 7:37–39

“On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “**Let anyone who is thirsty** come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive.

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Luke 11:9-13

“So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?

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Intimacy with others

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John 15:17

“This is my command: Love each other.”

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Verses on loving one another

- "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another." John 13:34
- "... Outdo one another in showing honor." Rom 12:10
- ".. but through love serve one another." Galatians 5:13
- "... we ought to lay down our lives for others." 1 John 3:16

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Verses on loving one another

- “Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,” Eph 4:32
- “.. encourage one another and build one another up ...” 1 Thess 5:11
- “.. count others more significant than yourselves.” Phil 2:3

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Intimacy in the body of Christ – the Church

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Acts 2:42

“All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer.”

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Loving yourself

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Isaiah 30:18

“Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him.”

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2 Corinthians 13: 14

“May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”



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