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"When God would have us die to self, he always touches the tenderest spot."

[Francois Fenelon]

ENGAGE & CONNECT

How has an act of love done for you recently impacted you?

BEGIN WITH PRAYER

Spend a moment praying this passage, beginning your time together in humility and gratitude!

"We wait in hope for the Lord; He is our help and our shield. In Him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in His holy name. May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you."

[Psalm 30:20-22]

BIG IDEA

What in me or about me must die (be given up) for me to really love?

PASSAGES & DISCUSSION

Ephesians 5:1-2

1. What are believers commanded to imitate? How is Christ's love described?
2. Why does love compel us toward sacrifice? How is this different from cultural understandings of love?

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

3. How does the love of Christ affect how we live and whom we live for?
4. In what area of your life are you still "living for yourself" instead of for Christ? What might surrender look like in that area?

1 Corinthians 7:35

5. What purpose does Paul give for living in "undivided devotion" to the Lord?
6. What could it look like in your current season of life to pursue "undivided devotion" to the Lord?

Matthew 12:48-50

7. How does Jesus redefine what it means to be His family? How does this challenge how we treat our fellow believers?

8. What relationship or ambition is competing with your devotion to Jesus? How can you navigate that wisely?
9. How does the truth that we are part of Jesus' true family affect how you view your role in the church?
10. What specific ways can we help each other maintain "undivided devotion" in a culture that constantly pulls us in different directions?

STEP OF OBEDIENCE

The cross shapes our priorities, compelling us to live for Christ, pursue undivided devotion, and embrace the church as our true family. [Real transformation comes when we align our hearts with the gospel](#)—surrendering to Jesus, loving sacrificially, and finding our place in God's spiritual household. [As you consider your next step, here are two questions to reflect on:](#) 1) Where in your life is comfort still ruling your decisions more than Christ? 2) What distractions or affections do you need to lay down to pursue undivided devotion?

Possible Next Steps of Faith

1. Write out one practical way you will prioritize your devotion to Jesus this week (e.g., limiting phone use, setting prayer time, stepping back from a commitment).
2. Identify one relationship in your life where sacrificial love is needed—and take one step toward loving that person like Christ loves you.

PRAYER FOCUS

Red Letter REMEMBRANCE

GOING → We worship by generously investing our gifts, time, talents, and resources as worship.

- How have you invested your gifts, time, talents, and resources over the past few months?
- In what specific way do you sense God inviting you to invest your gifts, time, talents, and resources in the life of our church this summer?

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Imitators of God](#)
 - Use this for background and encouragement before your group gathers.
- [What Is Love?](#)
 - This would be a good resource to use after your group gathers.