

In what ways do you show your love for God by obeying him? What does it communicate about the depth of our love for God when we disobey him?

Love isn't an add-on for us. It's central to who we are and what we do as God's people. It's so central, in fact, that our love for one another will mark us as Jesus's disciples. **Can other people tell that you're a disciple of Jesus by the way you love them? Why, or why not?**

What does it look like for us to make love a priority in everything we do?

Loving one another is a command, which suggests that love is more than just a fuzzy feeling. Love is active, and it's an act of obedience. **What acts of obedience is God calling you to perform right now? Who is one person in your life you could show love to right now? In what practical and tangible ways can you love him or her this week?**

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Our culture is in conflict and, to some degree, we're all bearing the brunt of it. Life can be chaotic, and it can beat us up, little by little. As followers of Jesus, we are commanded by God to acknowledge the chaos—both the anger and frustration around us and the anger and frustration inside of us—and engage it with love. How do we do that? By obeying the Word of God.

The choice is before us today: Will we be doers of the Word or hearers only?
