



CONNECT: WE LOVE OTHERS AS JESUS LOVES US

"So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."
John 13:34-35

"What is love?"

"How did Jesus Love us?"

- **Jesus' love is demonstrated *before* repentance / change**

"God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."
Romans 5:8

- **Jesus' love is sacrificial**

"This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends."
John 15:12-13

- **Jesus' love is full of grace, mercy, and truth**

"Neither do I condemn you. Go, and sin no more."
John 8:11

*"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. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son. And the judgment is based on this fact: God's light came into the world, but people **loved the darkness more than the light**, for their actions were evil. All who do evil **hate the light** and refuse to go near it for **fear their sins will be exposed**. But those who do what is right come to the light so others can see that they are doing what God wants."*
John 3:16-21

- **Jesus' love includes correction not rejection**

"Jesus turned around... then reprimanded Peter. 'Get away from me, Satan!' he said. 'You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's.' Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, 'If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me'."
Mark 8:33-35

Truth / Correction will bring about repentance or hatred

"Do not rebuke mockers or they will hate you; rebuke the wise and they will love you. Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still."
Proverbs 9:8-9

Our Heart – Posture / Motives "...restore that person gently."

Galatians 6:1

Other Person's Receptiveness "Fools despise wisdom and instruction."

Proverbs 1:7

The Manner of Correction "Speaking the truth in love."

Ephesians 4:15

Purpose in Correction "Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins."

James 5:20

God's love = unconditional, sacrificial, transforming. Our love must mirror His.

Takeaway: Love is not tolerance of sin, nor is it harsh condemnation. It is grace and truth in action—accepting people fully while pointing them toward the transforming love of Jesus.