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“BELOVED, LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER”
‘From Passive to Assertive Love’

1 John 4:7-8 Let us love one another.

1 John 3:18-21 Children, let us love in deed and in truth.
John 13:23. The one whom Jesus loved.

John was one of the 12 disciples and with Peter and James, one of the inner three, closest to Jesus. John illustrates our need for Jesus’ loving transforming work in our lives. However, once John was not so loveable.

From self-centeredness to Christ centered:
Self-centeredness- “What’s in it for me attitude?”

Selfish John- thought he was in the elite.

Vengeful John- once called a son of Thunder.

Ambitious John- asked for positions of power in the coming kingdom.

Loving John- became the lowly, patient, and loving servant of his Lord.

“Those who realize how much they are loved are able to love much.”

When God changes a life, he does not take away personality characteristics, but puts them to effective use in His service.

God changes “Why to What!”
“Why? Why? Why?” to ‘What does LOVE want to show me?’

Who is LOVE making me for the Kingdom of God?
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1 John 4:7-8 Can you sing it?