

# Looking Forward- It's all about Jesus.

## Sermon Notes

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**\*Illustration:** Love is a story and a journey.

**God loves you. [John 3:16-18](#)**

**Jesus loves you to the end. [John 13:1-5](#)**

**Called to a life of love. [John 13:34-35](#)**

***1 John 4:19** <sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us.*

***Ephesians 5:1-2** <sup>1</sup> Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children <sup>2</sup> and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

**Transformative work of love. [1 John 4:7-21](#)**

- Love is birthed in us from God. (7-8)
- That love comes alive in and through Jesus. (9)
- God goes first in loving us by Jesus' sacrifice. (10)
- We pay forward that love. (11)
- Love is the evidence of God's work in us by his Spirit. (12-13)
- We live by love not fear. (18)
- We love because we have been loved by God. (19)
- Loving others is the evidence that we are a child of God. (20-21)

**Relationship with Jesus checkup.**

- When you think of Jesus what do you feel?
- Is love for others what you are known for?
- Like a marriage, what steps can you take to rekindle or begin a relationship of love with Jesus?

**Revelation 2:2-5a** *<sup>2</sup> I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not and have found them false. <sup>3</sup> You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name and have not grown weary. <sup>4</sup> Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. <sup>5</sup> Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first...*

**Benediction.**

**John 13:34-35** *<sup>34</sup> "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*