Walk In Love

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INTRODUCTION

- So whether it's complete, whole, or sinless and flawless, we are to emulate ourselves after God.
- My walk can't be inauthentic. It must be real. I must have this walk the way God would have me, and that is to walk in love.

1 God Teaches Us What True Love Is

1 John 4:7–11

- The good news is we can learn from the God that we are to be in the image of. For example, God teaches us what true love is.
- Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God. And whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.
- And how did God show love? With extreme sacrifice.

2 Love Shows No Partiality

Acts 10:34–35; Romans 5:6–10; 1 Timothy 2:3–4

- There is no group of people, no group of persons of any background that God said, Jesus didn't die for you.
- Truly I understand that God shows no partiality. But in every nation, anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.
- Do I look at truly everybody and say, I want them to be saved so much so that I will do something about it.
- If I truly love all people and desire that all be saved like my God does, then my love won't just be a concept, it will be a practice.

3 Always Offer Forgiveness

1 John 1:9; Matthew 6:14–15

- Another thing my God does, which is fantastic for me as an individual and a heavy burden for me to learn to practice in my life, is to always offer forgiveness.
- If we confess our sins, he being God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- Would I have any shot of being forgiven by God? If He forgave me the way I forgive other people.
- We forgive and move on. And we better, because Jesus says in Matthew chapter 6 and verse 14 and 15, if we do not forgive, we will not be forgiven.

4 Never Give Up on Anybody

2 Peter 3:9

- Perhaps most importantly, that God teaches us is to never give up on anybody. To never give up, never to write off.
- The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise, as some count slowness, but he is patient towards you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.
- You'll find some of the most vile actions and vile people, and God not only forgives them, they are useful in His service.

5 Imitate God With Love

Ephesians 5:1–2; Matthew 18:21–35

- If I'm going to walk in love, then that means that in my walk I must, like God, walk with love.
- Therefore be imitators of God as beloved children. And walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
- Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.
- If we considered everyone truly as ourselves, do you realize how much easier it would be to love them?
- I won't hold it against you because we're on the same team. I won't hold it against you because I have been forgiven.

6 Treat All People With Love

James 2:1–5; Ephesians 5:15–17

- We need to be willing to treat all people with love.
- My brother, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.
- If we show partiality, we are not loving like God.
- Look carefully, then how you walk, not as unwise, but as wise, making the best use of the time or redeeming the time, because the days are evil.
- Will I redeem God's time or will I spend it the way I want to? Because to walk in love means to show sacrifice for everybody but me.

THE CHALLENGE

That's a God who wants you to seek Him today. Take advantage of His love. And wrap yourself in His mercy and seek His forgiveness.

MY NOTES