



Love ONE ANOTHER

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Happy August, friends! I pray that you are enjoying the sunshine and warmth of these summer days!

As part of our Prayer Initiative last year, we focused on different facets of our relationship with Jesus. Forgiveness, humility, walking in the Spirit, prayer...these are just a few of the areas where I was personally challenged and my heart laid bare for the Holy Spirit to do His gracious work in me to make me more like Jesus. Over the months, my heart was increasingly overwhelmed by the love, grace and mercy that God is constantly showering over me, grounding me and growing the roots of my faith deep in Him. I pray that each of us have grown over this past year in our knowledge of the Father's deep and steady love for us.

Over the next several months, we will focus on how His love is intended to fill us, change us and have an impact on how we interact with one another. This kind of love is described in 1 Corinthians 13.4-8, *"Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends."*

The kind of love we want to grow in is not a fleeting emotion that we experience, but a posture of the heart that overflows into our attitudes, words and actions toward others. Because we are so richly, deeply and steadfastly loved by God, we desire to richly, deeply and steadfastly love one another.

- We love one another, even in the hard moments, because He loves us, even at our worst.
- We faithfully pray for one another, because He is faithful to intercede for us.
- We do not dwell on one another's failures, because God has forgiven us and does not dwell on our wrong-doing.
- We speak life-giving words to one another, because He speaks life over us.
- We are humble with one another, because He demonstrated humility before us in so very many ways.
- We belong to one another, because we all belong to Him.
- We draw near to those who weep, because He draws near to us when we are broken-hearted.
- We are truly happy when others are rejoicing, because we know that all good gifts come from God.
- We do good to one another, because He is steadfastly good to us.
- We live in harmony with one another, because we are united in Him.
- We serve one another, because He serves us.

As we anticipate diving into a new program year, we invite you to meditate on these Scripture passages that will help us to firmly establish why loving one another matters so much to God.

- **John 13.34-35** *"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this will all people know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*
- **1 John 4.7** *"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God"*
- **1 John 4.11-12** *"Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us."*
- **2 John 1.5** *"And now I ask you, dear lady-not as though I were writing you a new commandment, but the one we have had from the beginning-that we love one another."*

A little about us...

The Women's Ministry team is Nikki MacDonald, Brenda Vinson, Chloe Seider, Theresa Amundson and Nichole Tittle. Here's a glimpse of who we are and what God is up to in our lives.

What are you learning about God this summer?

Nikki: God is teaching me to treasure, abide, and bask in His steadfast love. No matter how messy and disappointing life can be, no matter how disobedient, selfish, and rebellious I am, His love is unchanging (see Psalm 107). It's through the hard circumstances of life that we finally call to Him. And we find His love is sure and loyal and faithful.

Brenda: He is revealing to me how selfish my heart really is. Especially in the use of my time. And He is continually reminding me that He is Emmanuel, God with me!

Chloe: Patience. As a mom of two littles (Lilly 1.5 years old and Sammy 3 years old), my patience can wear a little thin sometimes. I've been meditating on Psalm 103:8, 10-12 during what I call "Holy Girl Diaper Changes" - I have scripture printed out and on the wall that I read while changing diapers. That one has been a constant reminder of God's constant patience and love. That He is slow to anger. Oh Lord, make me more like you.

Theresa: God is enough

Nichole: I have been overwhelmed as I am spending time with Jesus in John's Gospel. His holiness says that He is nothing like me, but His humanity and humility say to me, "I became like you so that you can be more like Me."

What are you currently reading?

Nikki: I am working through *Partners In the Gospel* by Megan Hill. It is a devotional that equips and encourages pastors' and elders' wives. Just today I was being reminded of the joy of being connected to each of you and serving Christ together (see Ruth 1:16-17).

Brenda: Well, I am really good at starting books and not finishing them! I am currently partway through these books. *Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism* by Timothy Keller, *I Am a Leader: When Women Discover the Joy of their Calling* by Angie Mueller Ward (I got to know Angie when she was one of the youth here while

I served in Student Ministries), *Aging with Grace: Flourishing in an Anti-aging Culture* by Sharon W. Betters and Susan Hunt and something I need to reread parts of is *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande. It's not a Christian book, but a book about the medical field and what matters the most at the end of our lives. With a father whose health continues to decline, it is helpful to know how best to come alongside him and help him have a good life until the very end. But I know that the best is yet to come for him!

Chloe: In the Bible, my dear friend Gwen and I are keeping each other accountable and studying Hebrews together using the "Glenna Marshall Method" that we learned about during our women's conference in 2024. We have loved using this method and my Bible study time has exploded! I just finished listening to *Love Comes Softly* and I'm starting the next book, *Loves Enduring Promise*. I loved the movies as a kid!

Theresa: *Peace beyond Perfection* by Christine Hoy

Nichole: the *Gospel of John*, and a solid faith-based canine search-and-rescue series.

What is your favorite easy summer meal?

Nikki: Favorite easy summer meal? I love a good bowl meal! Easily customizable for everyone, they're healthy, satisfying, and fun. A summer favorite is Mediterranean Quinoa Bowls with Roasted Red Pepper Sauce. [Mediterranean Quinoa Bowls with Roasted Red Pepper Sauce Recipe - Pinch of Yum](#)

Brenda: Ha! Anything that I don't have to fix myself! But, seriously sort of - tacos, venison on the grill and a side of veggies, then leftover venison in a salad the next day.

Chloe: Our kids love Corn on the Cob!

Theresa: Grilled Patty Pan squash

Nichole: Pre-grilled frozen chicken with a bagged salad and chopped cuke and avocado.

What song is playing on repeat right now?

Nikki: I have dubbed so many different songs as my theme songs in varying seasons. Right now the song ringing continually through my heart

and mind is *The Lord is Good* by Stillcreek.

Brenda: None on repeat right now. But God has really been using music by Phil Wickham and Brandon Lake recently. It all depends on what is happening in my life and in those whom I love.

Chloe: Ok, totally a mom answer. We love The Bluey soundtracks featuring music from the show, and *Slugs and Bugs*. *Slugs and Bugs* is a great way to get scripture into kids (and parents) through fun music!

Theresa: *I Know* by Big Daddy Weave

Nichole: *Yahweh* by Shane & Shane

Favorite summer memory?

Nikki: It's not usually the extraordinary moments that stand out most. My favorite summer memories are the quiet, simple, slower-paced pleasures with my loved ones: walks for ice cream, smores around the fire, hiking in the beauty of God's creation, sunrises on the lake...

Brenda: I have so many, but I love when our family is all home for a week. The 11 of us usually spend part of one day at the south beach. The sound of the waves and the grandkids voices, their chasing of the seagulls until the birds are all in the air, building sand castles, being out in the cold water and trying to get to the next sand bar with the kids. I can close my eyes and I can see and hear it all again! I am reminded of the goodness of my God!

Chloe: We did a staycation in June and packed a summers worth of local fun into a week. It was one of my favorite weeks. The kids are already excited for next year's "Big Adventure Week!"

Theresa: Exploring farmer's markets around the region on Saturday mornings to find patty pan squash, a hot cup of coffee, and a little adventure.

Nichole: I love the rippling patterns made as the sunshine comes through our living room window in the morning, filtered through the leaves of the huge tree in front of our house. And spending a day at the ball park with my hubby will always be a day I want to remember!

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