



Pastor Jeff's Daily Devotion
Day 14
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John 4:13-21

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¹³We know that we live in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. ¹⁶And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. ¹⁷In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like Him. ¹⁸There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. ¹⁹We love because He first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. ²¹And He has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

Once again the subject that is being taught to us is love. Some is repetitive for emphasis. Love is the greatest characteristic that manifests itself in a believer. When we drift in our relationship, it seems that the first way we can tell is that we become self-focused. True love, by its very nature is selfless and unconditional. Therefore, when a person gives their life to Christ, they receive the gift of the Holy Spirit that lives inside them. This is the reason for the Sermon Series called Inside Out. His Spirit works on us from the inside. The first change I saw in my life was love for other people. That is evidence of Him at work.

One of the greatest evidences of God's love living in us is that fear is being conquered. The fear being talked about here has to do with judgment and the punishment that follows. Since Christ took our punishment on the cross, we do not have to fear. God's love motivated Him to send Jesus and living in that love drives out all fear. So, loving others comes naturally to those who are living in God's love.

Lord, love other people through me. Open my eyes to see those who need Your love today. Let me grow in greater love for You so that I may love others more.