

Equipped to LOVE



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Love at first sight, puppy love, head over heels in love: all modern day ways of describing “the indescribable” attraction or feelings one has for another. It’s powerful but finicky. It can last a lifetime or for just a moment. This love is good, but there is another kind that is better: Agape love. Agape love is the unconditional, never ending, all powerful love that Jesus has for you. Contrary to the cultural view of love, it has nothing to do with feelings and everything to do with choosing to serve and to sacrifice.

In John 13:1&5 Jesus showed the full extent of his love by washing His disciple’s feet, an act of service normally left to the lowliest house servant. Thereafter He says, “I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you” (John 13:15) Jesus tells us to do the hard things, serve each other, love bigger than the world’s standard.

“We are able to love because He first loved us” (1 John 4:19). Jesus gave us what we need, so go ahead. Choose to love the way Jesus has equipped you to love!

Dear Jesus, It’s not easy to love when I’m angry or hurt so please help me to choose your agape love with my friends, family and strangers even when I don’t want to or I don’t feel loving.

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