"Fearless Love!"

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The love of God removes our fear and makes us more loving as we abide in Him, connect to others, and serve!

Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

Lamentations 3:21-22

Since we have such a hope, we are very bold. 2 Corinthians 3:12

Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.

Hebrews 10:35

## 1. Spend time with Jesus.

If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God.

V. 15

a. Confidence comes from understanding we are loved.

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. V. 16

b. Knowing we are loved changes us to be more loving.

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#### 2. Connect with others.

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

1 John 1:7

a. Fearless love is activated in community.

We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other.

1 John 3:14

b. Take the first step.

We love because he first loved us.

V. 19

V. 18

### 3. Serve with fearless love.

This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.

V. 17

a. Follow in obedience where Jesus leads.

And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister. V. 21

b. Follow the example of Jesus.

Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

John 13:17

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