

**Series:**  
**That You May Know God's Love**

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# **The Compelling Love of God**

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**14 For this reason I bow my knees  
before the Father,**

**15 from whom every family in heaven  
and on earth derives its name,**

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## Ephesians 3:14-19

**16 that He would grant you,  
according to the riches of His glory,  
to be strengthened with power  
through His Spirit in the inner man,**

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## Ephesians 3:14-19

**17** so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

**18** may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,

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## Ephesians 3:14-19

**19 and to know the love of Christ  
which surpasses knowledge,  
that you may be filled up  
to all the fullness of God.**

# The Compelling Love of God

## Introduction:

Last week we looked together at this prayer from the Apostle Paul. Our desire is to know more about the love of God.

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Last week we considered  
how the love of God  
is a Pursuing love.

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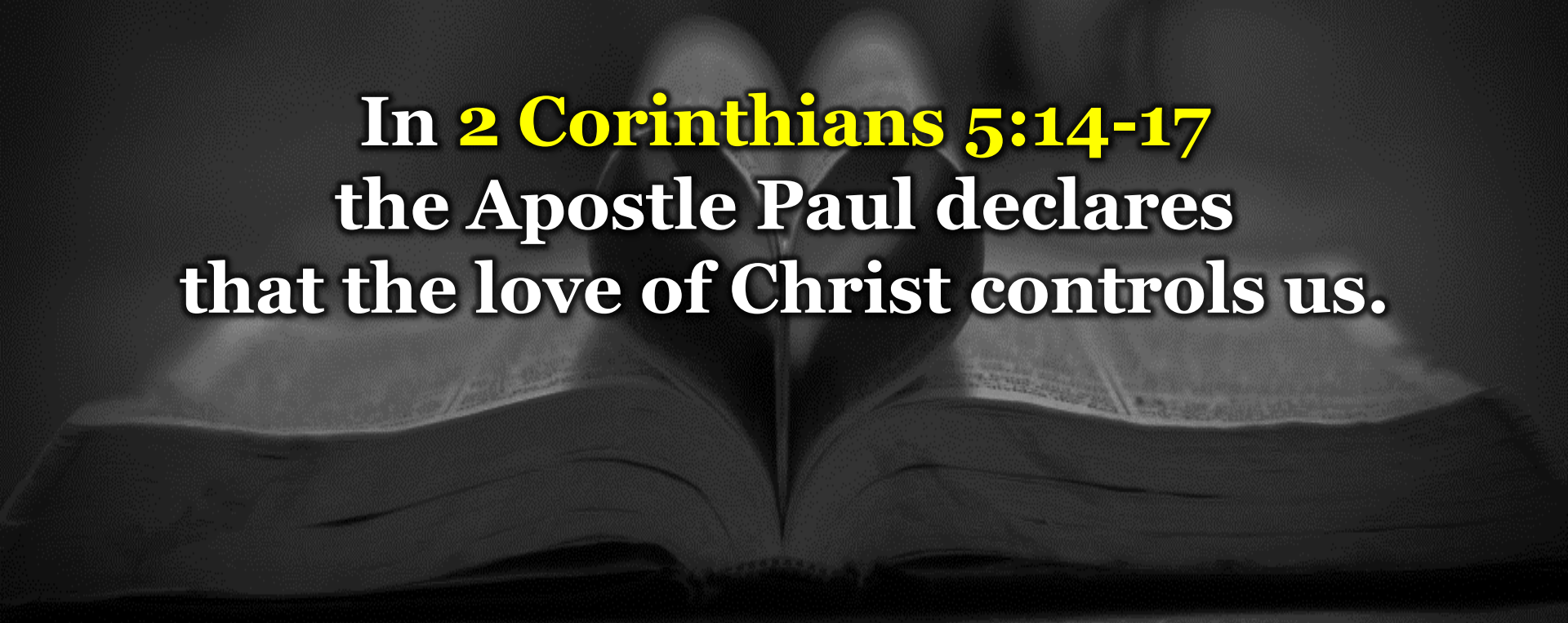
## Introduction:

Today as we prepare to make commitments to share God's love using the right now media tool and we commit to 40 days of fasting and prayer we want to reflect for a few moments on the Compelling aspect of God's love.



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**In 2 Corinthians 5:14-17**  
the Apostle Paul declares  
that the love of Christ controls us.



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## 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

**14 For the love of Christ controls us,  
having concluded this,  
that one died for all, therefore all died;**



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## 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

**15 and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf**

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## 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

**16 Therefore from now on we recognize  
no one according to the flesh;  
even though we have known Christ  
according to the flesh,  
yet now we know Him in this way  
no longer.**

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## 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

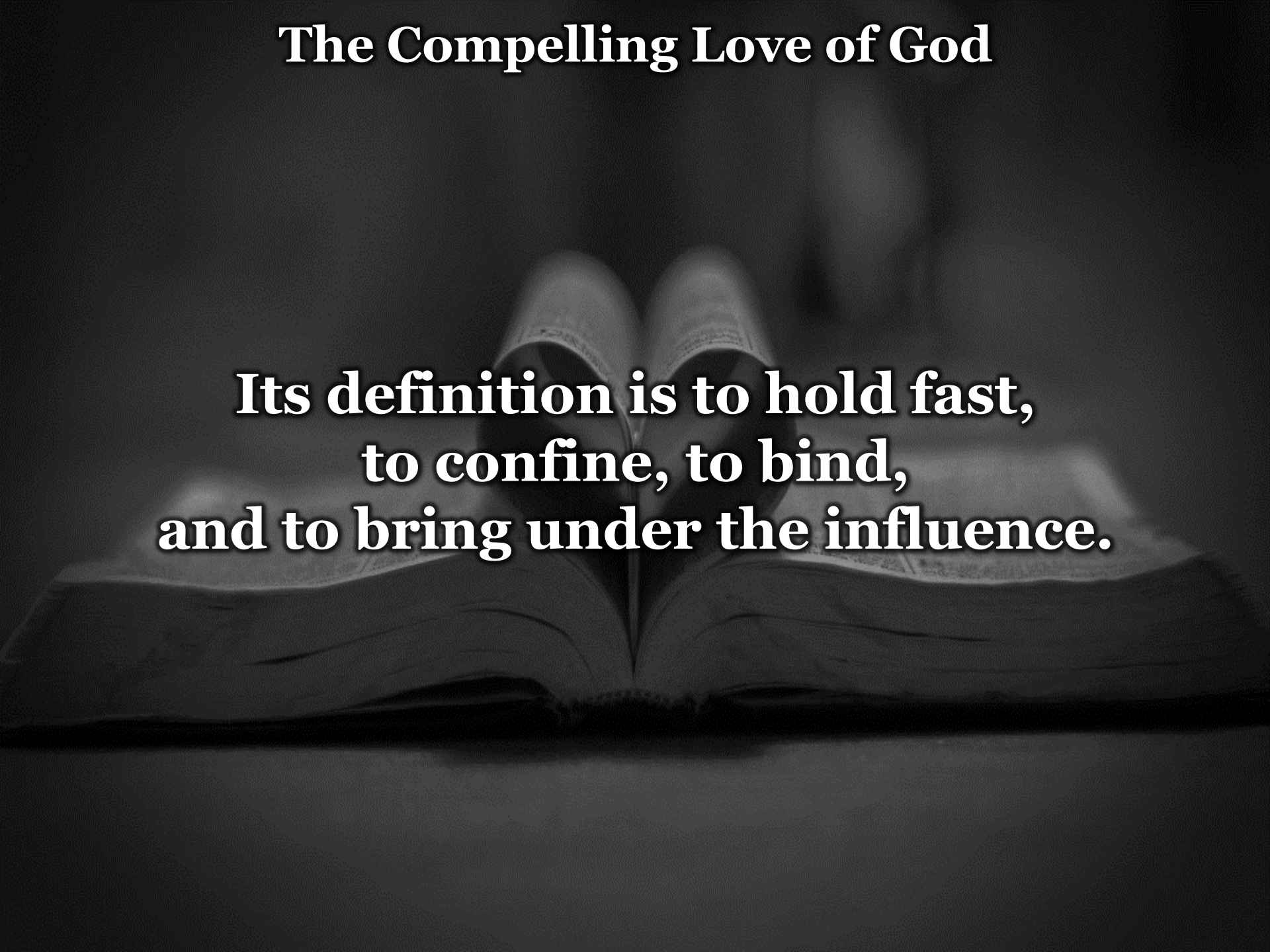
**17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ,  
he is a new creature;  
the old things passed away;  
behold, new things have come.**

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The Greek word here for control  
is “sunecho”.

This word is translated in English as  
**control** (NASB), **constrain** (KJV),  
and **compel** (NIV).

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**Its definition is to hold fast,  
to confine, to bind,  
and to bring under the influence.**

# **The Compelling Love of God**

**Therefore, the love of Jesus in us  
causes us to no longer live for ourselves.  
(vs. 15).**

**This love holds us fast, confines us,  
binds us, and brings us under its control  
to compel us to live for Christ.**



# **The Compelling Love of God**

**As the love of Jesus grows in us  
it causes us to make the priorities  
of Jesus our priorities.**

**Jesus came to seek and save the lost.**

**Jesus commanded us to go  
and make disciples.**

**His love in us is a compelling love.**

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Let's consider together a few aspects of God's compelling love.

His love compels us on at least 3 levels.

**Each level leads us to the next level.**

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**Here are the 3 levels:**

**Level 1** - God's love compels us to believe in Jesus

**Level 2** - God's love compels us to serve in Jesus kingdom

**Level 3** - God's love compels us to share the love of Jesus

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**Level 1 –  
God's love compels us  
to believe in Jesus**

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**Romans 2:4** – It is the kindness of God  
that leads us to repentance



# The Compelling Love of God

## Romans 2:4

**4 Or do you think lightly of the riches  
of His kindness and tolerance  
and patience,  
not knowing that the kindness of God  
leads you to repentance?**

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**John 3:16** – God's love demonstrated in His giving Jesus compels us to believe in Him to experience eternal life

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## John 3:16

**16** “For God so loved the world,  
that He gave His only begotten Son,  
that whoever believes in Him  
shall not perish, but have eternal life.



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**When we trust in Jesus we are  
made into a new person.**

**We are born again.**

**Now the love of Jesus is in us  
and begins to compel us to serve**

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**Level 2 –  
God's love compels us  
to serve others**

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**Galatians 5:13** – here we see that the love of Jesus leads us to not use of freedom for selfish purposes. We are led to serve one another in this love.

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## Galatians 5:13

**13 For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.**



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## John 21:15-17

**15 So when they had finished breakfast,  
Jesus \*said to Simon Peter,**

**“Simon, son of John,  
do you love Me more than these?”**

**He \*said to Him, “Yes, Lord;  
You know that I love You.”**

**He \*said to him, “Tend My lambs.”**

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## John 21:15-17

16 He \*said to him again a second time,  
“Simon, son of John, do you love Me?”

He \*said to Him, “Yes, Lord;  
You know that I love You.”

He \*said to him, “Shepherd My sheep.”

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## John 21:15-17

**17** He \*said to him the third time,  
**“Simon, son of John, do you love Me?”**  
Peter was grieved because He said to  
him the third time, **“Do you love Me?”**  
And he said to Him,  
**“Lord, You know all things;  
You know that I love You.”**  
Jesus \*said to him, **“Tend My sheep.”**

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In **John 21:15-17** we see Peter's encounter with the resurrected Jesus on the beach. Jesus asks about Peter's love of him 3 times. Each time Peter says he loves Jesus the response of Jesus is for Peter to serve others.

*The love for Jesus is demonstrated through serving others.*



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In **Hebrews 10:24** we are told to give consideration to how we can stimulate one another to love and good deeds. Growing in Jesus love leads to growing in good deeds of service to others

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## Hebrews 10:24

**24 and let us consider how to stimulate  
one another to love and good deeds,**



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**Serving others opens the door for us  
to share the love of Jesus  
with the ones we are serving.**

**The love of God also compels us  
to share His love with others.**

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**Level 3 –  
God's love compels us  
to share the love of Jesus  
with everyone**

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## 2 Corinthians 5:11

**11 Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men, but we are made manifest to God; and I hope that we are made manifest also in your consciences.**

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In **2 Corinthians 5:11** we read where Paul said that knowing the fear of the Lord causes him to persuade others to trust Christ. As we grow in God's love we understand how deeply God loves each person.

# **The Compelling Love of God**

**We know the destiny for those  
who do not trust in Jesus –  
eternal separation.**

**God's love breaks our hearts for those  
who need a relationship with Jesus.  
Therefore, we share the Gospel of Jesus  
with others.**

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**2 Corinthians 5:16** tells us that we no longer see people according to the flesh. In other words we do not look at people based upon the barriers that divide people.



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**We see all people, no matter what they look like, where they come from or even how they act, as a person loved by God who needs to experience the transforming love of God.**

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## Romans 10:13-15

**13 for “WHOEVER WILL CALL  
ON THE NAME OF THE LORD  
WILL BE SAVED.”**

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## Romans 10:13-15

**14 How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher?**

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## Romans 10:13-15

**15 How will they preach unless  
they are sent?**

**Just as it is written,**

**“HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF  
THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS  
OF GOOD THINGS!”**

# The Compelling Love of God

**Romans 10:13-15** – tells us the reality of the need to share.

Whoever will call upon the Lord  
(seek God's forgiveness by trusting  
in Jesus) shall be saved  
(rescued from sin's penalty & power).

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**They cannot call upon the Lord  
unless they believe or trust.**

**They cannot trust in Jesus if they  
have never heard the story of Jesus.**


**They cannot hear the story of Jesus  
unless someone preaches (tells them).**

**They cannot tell them  
unless they are sent.**

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## John 20:21

**21 So Jesus said to them again,  
“Peace be with you; as the Father  
has sent Me, I also send you.”**

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In **John 20:21** - Jesus tells us that  
just as the Father had sent Him  
He now has sent us.

We are Jesus only plan  
to take His message of love  
to the people of the world.



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# **Closing Applications**



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# **Closing Applications**

**Is God's love compelling you  
to trust in Jesus for the forgiveness  
of your sins?**

**Are you ready today to trust in Jesus  
and receive God's love gift  
of eternal life?**

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## **Closing Applications**

**Is God's love compelling you  
to serve others?**

**How does God desire for you  
to serve others?**

**What opportunities to serve  
is He showing you through the church  
and in the community/world?**

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# **Closing Applications**

**Are you ready for level 3?**

**Is God's love in you compelling you  
to share His story of love?**

**Who around you needs to hear  
the Gospel story?**

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# **Closing Applications**

**Are you willing to invite these persons  
to hear the story  
through the Right Now media tool?**

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# **Closing Applications**

**Are you willing to fast  
and pray for God to use you  
and do a transforming work  
in those with whom you share?**

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**Right Now  
Love Commitment Day  
Form**

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