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...love one another fervently with a pure heart. 1 Peter 1:22

Let brotherly love continue. Hebrews 13:1

If God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4: 11

By this will all men know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another. John 13:35

The fruit of the Spirit is love... Galatians 5:22

Love never fails. 1 Corinthians 13:8

If love were always easy, then perhaps the Word wouldn't give us so many admonitions about it. Over and over again we are told to love. Love God. Love one another. Love ourselves.

The war over love is really a war over our hearts. Many things can fill our hearts. Strife, hatred, anger, lust, greed, bitterness. The Word teaches us that whatever is in our hearts will come forward in our words and in our actions.

Romans 5:5 says that the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit and then goes on to remind us that God demonstrated His love for us in that WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS, Christ died for us.

We can add fuel to the fire of love in our hearts by humbly reflecting on how Christ gave his all to show us God's love for us. The realization that God loved us while we were completely lost in our sins, when as to yet, we had done nothing for him, yet His pure undeserved love poured out for us and gave Christ as a sacrifice because God so longed to have us, to be in relationship with us – that revelation can and should fan into flame the fire of love on our hearts.

Would you stop for a moment and think about how God gave His love for you? Would you ask the Father to blow on the embers of your heart and fan into flame His love? Would you ask Him to show you who you can love better? Would you ask Him how you can love better?

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(by Eddie) Mikki's devotional provides great seed for a sermon on love. Here is a suggested outline with the above in mind:

4 CHALLENGES OF LOVING LIKE GOD LOVES!

1. IT WON'T BE EASY
2. THE WAR OF LOVE IS WON IN THE HEART
3. LOVE KEEPS FLOWING EVEN WHEN IT'S NOT RECOGNIZED
4. LOVE IS GIVEN NEVER EARNED

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