

ENCOUNTER JESUS 22 - John 13:31-35 THE POWER OF LOVE

Stories written make u feel part – Good SW PULLS IN INVITATION – locked (Tolkien, Hugo, Tolstoy - Diverse characters – engaging – emot tuch – almost c urself part)

UR IN IT: EPIC STORY OF ALL TIME (not T,H,T - Cameron, Lucas, Spielberg – GOD) – action/adventure, comedy, drama, but above all IT'S A LOVE STORY (not chick flick)

MP: A love story between the persons of the Trinity has broken out into humanity that God invites you into personally.

LOVE HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE STORY – I MEAN ETERNITY PAST

GLORY?: Full attributes of God on display – **OF ALL- KEY ATTRIBUTE IS LOVE**

If God's attributes were like the many mountain peaks in the Alps, His love would be like Mont Blanc, the highest and most spectacular of them all. 15,777 – nothing like his love

- The father's love for the son, the son's love for the father, their love for people, made available through Christ's cross, god's love flowing through his ppl to others – **GOD BEING GLORIFIED**

John 17:20 I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

LOVE: The unconditional self-givingness of God that springs naturally from His being and is eternally displayed within the Trinity and to all His creation through Christ and among His people. **LOOK AT JESUS**

LOVE IS THE KEY

LOVE REVEALS HIS KINGDOM HAS COME

Love is the key quality of His kingdom because God has always been love.

GOD'S LOVE: not worldly sentim., chem impulse, agenda driven manip, WORLD NOTICE

- YOUR KINGDOM COME YOUR WILL BE DONE
- WAY HE DID IT – kingdom has come through naked, suffering crucified man
 - o NONXIAN WHY? Answer is love – **greater love has no man than this...**

WHO (when He touches your life with His love) radically changes you.

POWER LOVE CHANGES LIVES: cleanses, restores, heals, binds broken, secure **U R HIS**

Not chattel, or slaves, property, **U AREN'T HIS THING – YOU ARE HIS BELOVED**

- Rstrnt bad - Under New Management – JUST BAD... FORGET THAT IT'S NEW

If ur in the kingdom, u are under new management. You're in an altogether new world.

LOVE IS THE CALLING CARD OF CHRIST'S KINGDOM PEOPLE

A NEW COMMAND ACCOMPANIES NEW KINGDOM: LOVE ONE ANOTHER

- **(1) COMMAND (repeat - not conv) (2) SAME LOVE (highest standard)**

You don't love others just because you have been told too; you love others because Christ has loved you.

1 Corinthians 13:4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends.

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- YOU KNOW YOU BELONG TO JESUS WHEN YOU LOVE HIS PEOPLE

1 John 4:7-9 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

- THE WORLD KNOWS YOU BELONG TO JESUS WHEN YOU LOVE HIS PPL

o SUPREME LOVE PERKS ATTENTION – ONLY GOD CAN LOVE LIKE THAT

Tert: Noted non believing roman comm fast growing comm “see how they love 1 another
We love one another as the supreme expression of the character of God bc God is love

LN: We r **a pointing people** – when we Love God's people well, we point to Jesus