

**What I Can Do**

**I Can...Love**



# Why Do I Need To Do This?

- **It Is Commanded**

- *To Love Him*

**DEUT. 6:5/MATT. 22:37**

- *To Love One Another*

**JOHN 15:12; LEV. 19:18**



# Why Do I Need To Do This?

- **The Natural Result of My Faith**
  - *A Fruit of Walking in the Spirit*

**GALATIANS 5:22, 23**

- *Knowing God Means We Love*

**1<sup>ST</sup> JOHN 4:7, 8**



# What Hinders Me From Doing This?

- **I Am Too Distant**

- *I Won't Love Someone I Don't Know*

**EXODUS 5:1, 2**

- *Do I Maintain My Distance?*



# What Hinders Me From Doing This?

- **I Don't Take the Command Seriously**
  - *I Don't See It As A Priority*
  - *I Think "It Won't Make A Difference Anyway"*



# What Hinders Me From Doing This?

- **I Fear Rejection**

- *Afraid To Make The First Move*

- *Afraid It Will Go Unnoticed or Unappreciated*



# What Hinders Me From Doing This?

- **Prejudice/Pre-Judging**
  - *“They Won’t Listen/Respond”*
  - *Bias and Bigotry*



# What Hinders Me From Doing This?

- **Ignorance of What Love IS**

- *Ignorant of the Characteristics of Love*

**1<sup>ST</sup> CORINTHIANS 13:4-8**

- *Ignorance of How It Is Demonstrated*

**JOHN 14:15, 23-24, 1<sup>ST</sup> JOHN 3:17**





# How Can I Do This?

- **I Need To Get Closer**

- *Depth of Love Correlates to Closeness*

CF. 1<sup>ST</sup> JOHN 4:7, 8

- *Draw Near To God*

JAMES 4:8



# How Can I Do This?

- **I Need To Take It Seriously**

- *The Greatest Command*

**MATTHEW 22:37, 39**

- *It Is A Must*

**1<sup>ST</sup> JOHN 4:21**



# How Can I Do This?

- **I Need To Love Unconditionally**

- *No Fear In Love*

1<sup>ST</sup> JOHN 4:18

- *Regardless of What Others Do, Or Do Not Do*

1<sup>ST</sup> JOHN 3:16



# How Can I Do This?

- **I Need To Love Without Boundaries**

- *No Place For Bias*

**JAS. 2;9; 1<sup>ST</sup> TIM. 2:5, 6; 2<sup>ND</sup> COR. 5:14**

- *I Am To Love As God/Christ Loved*

**JOHN 3:16; EPH. 5:1, 2; 4:32**



# How Can I Do This?

- **I Need To Learn What Love Is By DOING**

– *Love As God Defines It*

**JOHN 14:15; 1<sup>ST</sup> JOHN 5:3**

– *Not Looking For Anything In Return*

**LUKE 6:32-36; 1<sup>ST</sup> COR. 13:5**

*“And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.”*

1<sup>st</sup> John 4:16