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## Knowing Love - Part 5

1 John 4:8, “Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.”

Now herein lies the crux of what we’ve been looking at about knowing God. We don’t just know there is a God. We don’t just know that He is real and alive. We don’t just know facts about Him. Instead we actually know Him because we have a relationship with Him. One that is real, and full, and compelling to us. It is real love because it is unconditional. It is full love because God does not withhold His love, but instead pours it out upon us. It is compelling love because it pushes us out of our comfort zone and into a world that desperately needs to experience His love. So, my question for us all is - do we know God well enough that His love compels us to “go and tell?” Now I’m going to date myself a bit here, but it is worth it. When I was a teenager, there was a song that we sang that still resounds in my ear. I have literally not heard this song in probably 40+ years but it still is as clear in my mind as it was back then. I remember every note and every word that Kurt Kaiser penned. Don’t worry, you don’t have to listen to me sing it, just read these words:

It only takes a spark  
To get a fire going  
And soon all those around  
Can warm up in its glowing  
That's how it is with God's love  
Once you've experienced it  
You spread His love to everyone  
You want to pass it on  
I wish for you my friend  
This happiness that I've found  
You can depend on Him  
It matters not where you're bound  
I'll shout it from the mountain top  
I want my world to know  
The Lord of love has come to me  
I want to pass it on

Dear Father, thank You that we can know You and experience Your great love. Thank You that You have not withheld Your love from anyone, but instead You have poured it out upon us. You shower us with this love everyday. You will continue to do so. Thank You Lord, thank You. In Jesus Name, Amen