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Multiplying Love

John 17:26 “I have made You known to them, and will continue to make You known in order that the love You have for Me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”

As Jesus was in the garden praying, He mentions something in v. 4 that is interesting; “I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.”

You may ask what is so important about this statement. First of all, Jesus hasn't died on the cross yet. He hasn't risen from the grave either. So, what is the work that God gave Him to do? I think in the grand scheme, He showed them how to love. He had made God known to them by sharing God's love to them over and over. And now, He is asking them to take that very same love and give it away to more and more people. All but one of the disciples (except Judas) died a martyr's death in doing that very thing. The last one (John, the writer of this book) was banished to an island to die there. The love of God, given to them through Jesus, was multiplied to them. From them it has been multiplied over and over again until the whole world is hearing of the love of God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

It is now up to us to continue to share the love of God with everyone. Yes, even him, and her, and especially them. You know, the ones you don't especially like. God's love has no boundaries. He doesn't decide if you are lovable or not. He loves everyone, even when they don't love Him back. He still loves them.

We will never reach the world with the gospel if we only share Him with one other. We must share and then that person along with us shares again; and then they all share=multiplication. Just listen to this simple, but profound example. If I gave you a penny a day for a month, you would have .30 or .31 cents. If I gave you a penny the first day and doubled it every day for one month, you would have \$5,368,709.12! Do you see the point? Let's let God multiply His great love through us to as many people as we possibly can.

Dear Lord, help me to love others in such a way, that they will see it is You living through me. Keep me clean and usable in Your hands. I desire to be Your vessel. In Jesus Name, Amen