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“Loving”

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I. The **Priority**

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.”
John 15:9

A. The Father loves **the Son**.

“. . . just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love..”
John 15:10b

B. The Son loves **the believer**.

“If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love . . . These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.”
John 15:10a, 11

C. The believers love **other believers**.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”
John 15:12

II. The **Proof**

A. Jesus lays down **His life**.

“Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.” John 15:13

B. Jesus calls them **friends**.

“No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you..”
John 15:15

III. The **Promise**

A. We will **bear fruit**.

“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide . . .”

John 15:16a

B. We will experience **answered prayer**.

“. . . so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.”
John 15:16b

“With every **promise** there is a **premise**.”

Conditions of Answered Prayer:

1. Have an **authentic** relationship with Jesus.

“If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”
John 15:7

2. Have a **forgiving attitude** toward others.

“Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.”
Mark 11:24-25

3. Have an **obedient heart** towards His commands.

“If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.”
John 15:10

and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.
1 John 3:22-24

4. Have an **expectant attitude** toward our requests.

But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;
James 1:6-7

“Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.” John 16:24