

#### 1 John 4:8-9

<sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

Premise: God Is Love Love Is Defined By God

God's Love Is Unconditional

#### Romans 5:8

<sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

#### Isaiah 49:15

15 "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne?

Though she may forget,

I will not forget you!"

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- God's Love Is Unconditional
- God's Love Is Individual

#### Galatians 2:20

<sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

### Premise: God Is Love Love Is Defined By God

- God's Love Is Unconditional
- God's Love Is Individual
- God's Love Is Sympathetic

#### Matthew 8:2-3

<sup>2</sup> A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean."

<sup>3</sup> Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy.

#### Luke 17:12-14

<sup>12</sup> As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance <sup>13</sup> and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"
<sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.

#### Hebrews 4:15

<sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

#### Love is Defined By God Love Drives God

#### 1 Corinthians 13:1

<sup>13</sup> If I speak in the tongue of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.

## Love is Defined by God Love Drives God Love Is Derived From God

#### 1 John 4:7

<sup>7</sup> Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

# Application Believe God Loves You Love God Back Don't Fear

#### 1 John 4:18

<sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.