



True Vine's Virtual VBS 2020 *Grades 7-8*

June 29, 2020

Week 5 At Sea: *Called to Leave a Legacy of Love 1 John 4:18*

- **Deck Plan- 1 John 4:7-21**
- **Key Card-** 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.
- **Main Seating-** God desires for us to be like Him. The primary way we can do this is through loving others. There is no fear in love. Ask God to show you how He continues to love you and ask God to show you how to love others well.
- **Bridge/Docking-** Father, thank You for loving us. Help us to love others the way that You love us! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Compel: to cause to do or occur by overwhelming pressure.

Legacy: something passed on by a predecessor from the past.

Today's lesson focuses on love. This scripture passage gives us the perfect example of what it means to love. Love is not just a feeling; love is a choice and an action. Love must be a part of the believer's everyday life. Love is the foundation on which every relationship is built.

The focus of the book of 1 John is love. The author writes that love is the sign that lets others know that one is a follower of Christ and is the evidence that the person is committed to following His example of sacrificial love. The dictionary defines love as "a strong, affectionate bond, and commitment between persons who are connected by some level of relationship," Love is both a noun and a verb. But what is love- really?

Agape is a noun used to describe God's devotion toward Jesus and all of humanity, especially His sons and daughters; and as an expression or description of God's nature (1 John 4:8). Phileo is a noun that expressed or represents one's "tender affection for someone." This kind of love is usually related to our feelings in relationships with others, such as our siblings and friends. Love is God's most prominent activity and His most defining personal characteristic. God's perfect love drives out all fear that we may have, especially around our sinning or making mistakes.

*** 1. Name and define two different types of love.

2. Who is love and how has that love been expressed to us?

3. What is the real test of love?

I EXPRESSES LOVE IN ACTION WHEN I...??

1.

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