



True Vine's Virtual VBS 2020 *Grades 9-12*

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- One word best summarizes the Christian experience- love. God is love and He calls every believer to do two things: to love Him and to love others. For the child of God, love is not just a passing emotion, it is a choice- an everyday way of relating, thinking, and being present in the world. We are most like God when we let His love flow through us to touch others.**

Bridge/Docking- God, thank You for the gift of love- the love You have for us, the privilege of loving others, and the privilege of being loved. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

God has a high standard for what it means to love others. He requires us to love our enemies and those who may or may not want to receive or return the love we give. As Christians, we are motivated to love others unconditionally by the fact that God has loved us at our lowest points and in our most difficult phases and darkest moments. God's love is not motivated by or based on any sort of reward or condition. Rather, God's love, and the love that we are expected to show toward others, is unconditional. This kind of love is not restricted; it is unlimited. This is the love the Christ showed us when He suffered and died for our sins, and this is the love that makes us complete or perfected in Christ!

**** 1. How can we be better distributors of Christ's love?

2. What are some of the fears that prohibit us from showing and giving love?

Take a moment to find four gospel songs that offer a message about loving God and/or loving others.

Gary Chapman wrote the book *The Five Love Languages* that describes ways of expressing love to others. They include the following: words of affirmation, quality time, receiving gifts,

physical touch, and acts of service. Which of these is your favorite way to give love to or to receive love from your friends, family, and others?

