

WHEN LOVE SETS THE COURSE

I John 4:18,19; Phil 2:1-8

→ In Christ, We See The Truth of What It Means to Be God - Phil 2:5-8

- Our God is a self-giving Lover - I Jo 3:16

...He is about self-expenditure, not self-exploitation - Phil 2:7

...He voluntarily lays down His Life - Jo 10:18

- In God, love sets the course - Jo 3:16; Ro 5:8

...He does whatever it takes to join us to Himself

...He intends to love us into being

→ In Christ, We See the Truth of What It Means to Be the People of God - Phil 2:1-4

- We share in His Life for others

...We are to be cooperative agents with the Life within us

...We learn to think and choose in the presence of love

- In the people of God, love must also set the course

→ In Human Beings, Love or Fear May Set the Course - I Jo 4:18

- When we are fearful, we will live for ourselves

- When we are loving, we will live for others

FEAR

negative expectations

emotionally undeveloped

manipulates

self-defeating

LOVE

believes, hopes the best

emotionally secure, mature

ministers

relationally healthy

→ The More Conscious We Are of God's Perfect Love, the Less Self-Conscious and Fearful We Are