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“Where Do I Find Real, True Love?”

1 John 4:7-8 “Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.
8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.”

John 3:16 ““For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.”

Philippians 2:5-8 “In your relationships with one another, have this mindset as Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage: rather, He made Himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross!”

“Jesus is like a godly tsunami of love, pushing back all resistance in his advance. It is not the projection of power that pulses the charge. It is the magnetic attraction of a completely selfless love.”

LOOK IN:

1. When and/or where in your life have you looked for love in the wrong places? How has God redeemed that?

2. How have you been hurt by love? How have you hurt others in your attempts to love? How does this message/passages encourage or challenge you?
3. Look at Philippians 2:5-8 again. How does the way you love others (whether it's your family, friends, coworker, etc.) compare to the example set by Christ? What parts of loving like Chris are most difficult for you?
4. Is there anything in your life that keeps you from believing that God loves you? Does anything in this message give you comfort or encouragement?
5. How has God's love impacted your life in the last year? How has his love encouraged you in the midst of trying times?