TODAY’S SCRIPTURE FOCUS:
I JOHN 4:7-21

“WHAT’S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT”

“If you want your church to become purpose-driven, you will have to lead it through four critical phases.” (pg. 93-94)

4 CRITICAL PHASES: (pg. 94)
1. Define Your Purpose;
2. Communicate Purposes;
3. Organize Around Purposes
4. Apply Your Purposes;

“It isn’t our job to create the purposes of the church but to discover them.” (pg. 98)

“Once you have defined the purposes of your church, you must continually clarify and communicate them...” (pg. 112)
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“LOVE” = 494x
01. Eros
02. Phileo
03. Storge
04. Agape

“For GOD so loved the world that HE gave HIS only begotten Son, that whoever believes in HIM should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

John 3:16

“You shall love the LORD your GOD with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.”

Deuteronomy 6:5

“For whom the LORD loves, HE corrects.”

Proverbs 3:12

“Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers a multitude of sins.”

Proverbs 10:12
“Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth – For your love is better than wine.”  
*Song of Solomon 1:2*

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave HIMSELF for her,...”  
*Ephesians 5:25*

“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love GOD, to those who are the called according to HIS purpose.”  
*Romans 8:28*

“Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.”  
*Romans 13:10*

“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.”  
*I Corinthians 13:1*

“...and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not love, I am nothing.”  
*I Corinthians 13:2*
“And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor... but have not love, it profits me nothing.”
_I Corinthians 13:3_

“Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;”
“Love never fails.”
_I Corinthians 13:4 & 13:8_

“But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you...”
_Matthew 5:44_

“For GOD so loved the world that HE gave HIS only begotten Son, that whoever believes in HIM should not perish, but have everlasting life.”
_John 3:16_

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love another.”
_John 13:34_

“By this all will know that you are MY disciples if you have love for one another.”
_John 13:35_
“If you love ME, keep MY commandments.”
   John 14:15

“He who has MY commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves ME.”
   John 14:21a

“And he who loves ME will be loved by MY FATHER, and I will love him and manifest MYSELF to him.”
   John 14:21b

“As the FATHER loved ME, I also have loved you, abide in MY love.”
   John 15:9

“If you keep MY commandments, you will abide in MY love, just as I have kept MY FATHER’s commandments and abide in HIS love.”
   John 15:10

“This is MY commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”
   John 15:12
“Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.”
  
  John 15:13

“These things I command you, that you love one another.”

  John 15:17

“for the FATHER Himself loves you, because you have loved ME, and have believed that I came forth from GOD.”

  John 15:27

“...Simon, bar Jonah, do you love ME more than these?”
  “...Feed MY lambs.”
  “...Tend MY sheep.”
  “Feed MY sheep.”

  John 21:15-17

“But whoever keeps HIS word, truly the love of GOD is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in HIM.”

  I John 2:5

“He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him.”

  I John 2:10
“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the FATHER is not in him.” 
I John 2:15

“Behold what manner of love the FATHER has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of GOD!”
I John 3:1a

“By this we know love, because HE laid down HIS life for us. And we ought to also lay down our lives for the brethren.
I John 3:16a

“My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.”
I John 3:17

SERMONIC POINTS:

#1: DOWNWARD
#2: UPWARD
#3: INWARD
#4: OUTWARD

SERMONIC POINT #1:
DOWNWARD
(from GOD)
“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of GOD; and everyone who loves is born of GOD and knows GOD.”

I John 4:7

“He who does not love does not know GOD, for GOD is love.”

I John 4:8

“In this the love of GOD was manifested toward us, that GOD has sent HIS only begotten SON ...that we might live...”

I John 4:9

“In this is love, not that we loved GOD, but that HE loved us and sent HIS SON to be the propitiation for our sins.”

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I John 4:10

“And we have known and believed the love that GOD has for us. GOD is love, and he who abides in love abides in GOD, and GOD in him.”

I John 4:16

SERMONIC POINT #2: UPWARD (to GOD)
“Whoever believes that JESUS is the Christ is born of GOD, and everyone who loves HIM who begot also loves him who is begotten of HIM.”

\[I \text{ John } 5:1\]

“By this we know that we love the children of GOD, when we love GOD and keep HIS commandments.”

\[I \text{ John } 5:2\]

“For this is the love of GOD, that we keep HIS commandments. And HIS commandments are not burdensome.”

\[I \text{ John } 5:3\]

SERMONIC POINT #3:
INWARD
(from GOD to Self)

“We love HIM because HE first loved us.”

\[I \text{ John } 4:19\]

SERMONIC POINT #4:
OUTWARD
(from Self to Neighbor)
“Beloved, if GOD so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”
I John 4:11

“...If we love one another, GOD abides in us, and HIS love has been perfected in us.”
I John 4:12

“If someone says, “I love GOD,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love GOD whom he has not seen.”
I John 3:16a

“By this we know love, because HE laid down HIS life for us. And we ought to also lay down our lives for the brethren.”
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