

## If Not for Love

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love". 1 John 4:7+8

One of the most simple yet hard to grasp revelations of the gospel is Love. We use this word so frequently and have almost become desensitized to the power it holds. Love is not just an action or even a verb, it is a noun - more so, a person. The very nature of our Lord's being is love. He operates in this nature with every word He speaks, every move He makes, and every instruction He gives. There are days when I'm taken aback remembering this revelation the Lord has opened my eyes to. One I strive to keep at the forefront of my mind. One we should strive to live in. It was all FOR Love. It is all FROM Love. It is all TO Love. The only word we should use interchangeably with Love is God. We are quick to remember everything is for God, from God, and to God, but I've recognized an ever greater invitation thinking of the core reason we are here: relationship. The very basis of relationship is a knowing and a deep love, an agape love. If not for love, there's nothing at all. I encourage you to begin to live out of the abundant well of the Love of God. His very nature and character. If we know nothing about Love, we truly know nothing at all. If our motivation isn't for love, to love, from love, we must take a step back and reevaluate. I pray that the church would be awakened to this revelation and that our moves would be in the very footsteps of the One this is all for. The revelation that is carried through the entire Word of God. One that urged God to send His one and only son. To save us because He loved us. He wants us because He loves us. He dwells with us because He loves us. I pray that Love, that the Lord himself, would take up an even greater residence within us. Within the church. That more space would be available for Him. For Love.

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