

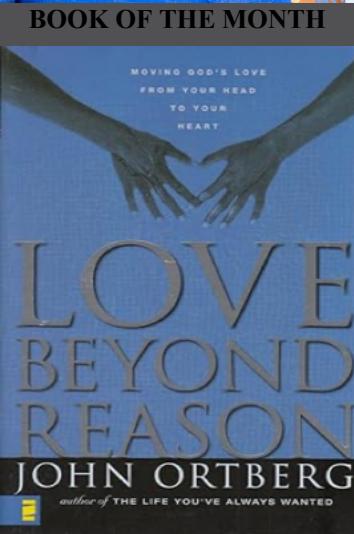
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“If you love me, obey my commandments.”

— John 14:15a(NLT)

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February often packages *love* as a feeling to be marketed—romantic, conditional, self-serving, and fleeting. Yet Scripture calls us to a far deeper understanding of *love*, one that is rooted not in emotion but in obedience. Jesus makes this unmistakably clear in John 14:15a: *“If you love Me, keep My commandments.”* Love, according to Christ, *is first about Who—our love begins with Him*, not with culture, not with convenience, and not with self. *Real love flows from a relationship with Jesus that transforms our hearts and aligns our desires with His will.* Love is not proven by what we say, post, or purchase, but by how faithfully we submit our lives to the Lordship of Christ.

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True love also reveals what it is and how it is lived out. Love is sacrificial, holy, and active—it reflects God's character and obeys God's Word. As children of God, we are commanded to *love* not selectively, but *sincerely*; not casually, but *courageously*; not when it is easy, but *when it costs us something.* *This kind of love forgives, serves, corrects in truth, and stands firm in righteousness.* Church, **the world** does not need another seasonal version of *love*—it **needs the powerful, transforming, obedient love of Jesus Christ lived out through us every day.** *When we love Him by obeying Him, we offer the world a love that heals, redeems, and points unmistakably back to God.*

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