

SO SEND I YOU, INC. 2024 LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

Saint John Baptist Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: 2024 LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

Time: March 22, 2024 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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**DAY 33
FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024**

DEMONSTRATIVE LOVE

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1st John 4:11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Demonstrative love covers more than positive feelings or showing feelings openly, especially feelings of love. One can be affectionate towards someone he/she cares about or speaks well of, or even offer acts of kindness. But if you are demonstrative toward someone you love, you often even in public, hold hands to show that you care.

Demonstrative love is love with action – just as God loved us and gave His Son, Jesus Christ. This means love is in the nature of God. It is a mockery to speak of love for God when that love is not expressed to our brothers and sisters.

Jesus Christ left heaven's glory and lived on earth in meekness and poverty, to serve, heal, and teach all who would come to Him. His life was a perfect example of demonstrative love and this was the attitude He expected of His followers. Our service to others must likewise be done in humility and loving kindness. Jesus said meeting the needs of others was just like doing it for Him and that action would be rewarded. Our demonstrative love will reflect His light, bringing hope to people in the darkness of the

world's sorrow and sin. God's love, joy, and peace comfort us and sustain us through trials and difficulties. As we demonstrate our love, He strengthens us to show patience, kindness, and goodness towards others with humility and self-control, helping us to become more like Him. We are to set ourselves apart to be used for every good deed and proclaim God's love to others.

Therefore, demonstrative love is love that is shown by doing something for others. It is like what Jesus did for us. We must love others because God first loved us. Out of His love, He gave His son to die for our sins, therefore, Jesus Christ loves us so that we should also love one another. He taught us to even love our enemies, love covers many sins.

Love is not happy with evil, and true love must have action that can be felt by others. The Bible in 1st John 2:10 tells us, "Whoever loves his brother, lives in the light." Our understanding of God's love focuses on His grace, that is love expressed towards sinners. God's love is unconditional, but the experience of loving fellowship with Him depends on our obedience to His will. Let's keep ourselves in the love of God by always demonstrating that love to other people.

Prayer:

Great God of love help us to remain in your love by obeying your word. Thank you that your love lasts forever. In the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.