#### John 13:34-35 NLT

So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.

### 1 John 3:16-18 NIV

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

# Love is to be the <u>ultimate defining mark</u> of a follower of Jesus Christ!

## I must daily experience God's love

Romans 5:5,8 NLT

For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love...God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

2 Thessalonians 3:5 NLT

May the Lord lead your hearts into a full understanding and *expression of the love of God* and the patient endurance that comes from Christ.

# I must intentionally express God's love

- show genuine care
  - Philippians 2:3-4 CEV

Don't be jealous or proud, but be humble and consider others more important than yourselves. Care about them as much as you care about yourselves

#### • willingly serve

Matthew 20:28 NLT For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.

• quickly forgive

1 Peter 4:8 NIV Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

\*\*\*Response\*\*\* I'm choosing to cultivate love!