

#4 Serve and Share

Mature love serves gladly and shares freely

Acts 2:42–47 / Acts 4:32–35

“By this everyone will know...” John 13:35

Every message lands the same way

Get ready to GROW and live life fully.
There are no spectators in the Kingdom.

Gospel Reference
Practical Application
Personal Accountability

One action • One person • One follow-up
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Message Series

“...By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:35

OVERALL QUESTION:

What does love LOOK like from the outside?

How will someone see that you love one another?

👉 Get your journal out or your phone to take notes!

Where This Fits

So far:

Speech — love builds up with words.

Burdens and Loads — love helps wisely.

Bear with and Forgive – (Restore where possible)

Today:

Serve and Share — love becomes visible through hands, homes, time, gifts and resources.

Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus,
open our eyes to the needs around us.
Free us from spectator Christianity.
Teach us to serve gladly,
share freely,
and love each other in ways people can actually see.

Review

Speaks life — not burning the church down. (Eph 4 / James 3)

Helps wisely — burdens and loads. (Gal 6)

Bear with and Forgive – (Restore where possible) (Col 3, Eph 4)

Now we ask:

What happens when love sees a practical need?

Last Time



Mature love Bears with one another.

Who did you encourage?

Who did you extend your patience with this week?

Who checked in on you? (Your accountability buddy)

What did you learn?

Who did you share last week's message with that was not there to hear it?

Ice Breaker

**Have you ever been in a group where everyone
saw the need...**

**but everyone waited for someone else to do
something?**

What happened?

Today's Big Idea

Love One Another #4

**Love becomes visible when disciples
serve one another
and share what they have.**

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Acts Gives Us a Picture

Acts does not show us a perfect church.

It shows us a Spirit-filled church
learning to live as a family.

Their love was not merely spoken.
It was seen.

Acts 2:42–47

They devoted themselves to:

- the apostles' teaching
- fellowship
- the breaking of bread
- prayer

They were together.

They shared.

They praised God.

Others noticed.

Notice the Pattern

**Word.
Prayer.
Fellowship.
Meals.
Generosity.
Joy.
Witness.**

**Love was not an event.
Love was their shared life.**

Not Just “Attend Church”

The first believers did not merely attend the same meeting.

They shared a life.

They noticed needs.

They opened their homes.

They used what they had for others.

That is visible love.

Take Note



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Serving says:

“Your need matters to me.”

Sharing says:

“What God gave me is not only for me.”

Acts 4:32–35

The believers were described as:

one heart and one soul.

They held things with open hands.

They cared for those in need.

The apostles kept proclaiming the resurrection.

Open Hands

The issue is not whether everyone owned the same amount.

The issue is this:

Do I see my time, gifts, home, money and strength as tools for loving the body of Christ?

This Was Not Forced

Biblical generosity is not manipulation.
It is not guilt.
It is not control.

It is Gospel-shaped freedom.

Freely we have received.
Freely we give.

The Gospel

Sin turns us inward.

“Mine.”

“My comfort.”

“My time.”

“My rights.”

Jesus moves toward us.

He serves.

He gives.

He lays down His life.

Jesus Served Us First

**The Son of Man came not to be served,
but to serve,
and to give His life as a ransom for many.**

Mark 10:45

The Gospel



We were separated from God by sin.

God came down to meet us in Jesus.

Jesus died in our place.

God raised Him from the dead.

We are forgiven and made new
when we turn, trust Him, and follow Him as Lord.

So Our Love Has a Source

We do not serve to earn God's love.

We serve because we have received God's love.

We do not share to look spiritual.

We share because Christ has shared His life with us.

Serve

Serve means love takes practical action.

It asks:

What needs doing?

Who is being overlooked?

What burden can I lighten?

What small job would bless someone?

Share

Share means love opens its hands.

It asks:

What has God placed in my hand?

Could my table make room?

Could my car help?

Could my time encourage?

Could my skills bless?

1 Peter 4:10

Each one has received a gift.

Use it to serve one another.

**God's grace comes in many forms,
and He distributes it through ordinary people.**

Everyone Has Something

Some can teach.

Some can cook.

Some can listen.

Some can visit.

Some can repair.

Some can pray.

Some can encourage.

Some can notice what others miss.

No Spectators

**The church is not a theatre.
The church is a body.**

In a theatre, a few perform while many watch.

In a body, every part has a purpose.

Acts 6 Shows the Tension

As the church grew, some widows were being overlooked.

The answer was not:
“Someone should do something.”

The answer was organised, Spirit-filled serving
so people were cared for.

Serve So No One Is Overlooked

Mature love notices quiet needs:

people sitting alone

new believers

tired parents

older saints

sick people

people without transport

people who do not know how to ask for help

Avoid the Two Ditches

Left Side —  Talk Without Action

“I care.”

“I’ll pray.”

“That’s sad.”

But no follow-through.

Visible love needs hands and feet.

Avoid the Two Ditches

Right Side —  Rescue and Burn Out

Doing everything.

Creating dependency.

Taking over.

Serving for approval.

Never saying no.

That is not wise love.

Middle of the Road



Biblical Serve and Share

**Need seen.
Prayer offered.
Action taken.
Boundaries honoured.
Others invited in.
Jesus glorified.**

What It Sounds Like

“I can help with that.”

“Can I bring a meal?”

“Would a lift help?”

“Who else could we involve?”

“Let’s pray now.”

“I have this skill — can I use it?”

“I cannot do everything, but I can do this.”

What It Looks Like

A phone call.

A visit.

A meal.

A lift.

A repair.

A seat at the table.

A prayer in the moment.

A quiet job done without needing applause.

Small Churches Can Do This Well

We may not have big programs.

But we can notice quickly.

We can respond personally.

We can include people by name.

We can make love visible in ordinary life.

Why This Matters for Witness

Outsiders may not understand our songs.
They may not understand our Bible words.
They may not understand our church culture.

But they can understand visible love.

The Multiplication Principle

When ordinary disciples learn to serve and share, ministry is no longer trapped in one leader.

Love spreads through the whole body.

Needs are met faster.

New disciples see what obedience looks like.

The Question

What has God already put in your hand?

A gift.

A table.

A vehicle.

A skill.

A spare hour.

A listening ear.

A word of encouragement.

Who needs it this week?

Take Note



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Love uses what it has.



Visible love notices needs and takes one faithful step.

Call To Action

This week, do one simple act of visible love.

Serve one person.

Share one thing.

Make it specific:

Who?

What?

When?

Who will ask you about it?

Loving Accountability

Who are you going to share this message with that WAS NOT here today?

Who will ask if you did it?

Who will you serve this week?

What will you share this week?

Conclusion

A disciple of Jesus:

Speaks life.

Helps wisely.

Bears with one another

Serves gladly.

Shares freely.

Love is not only something we feel.

Love is something people can see.

Final Word

Love uses what it has.

**Mature love serves gladly
and shares freely.**

By this everyone will know.

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus,
thank You for serving us first.
Open our eyes to people around us.
Give us willing hearts and open hands.
Help our church love in ways people can see.
Amen.