



## **Sermon Series: John - The Word of Life - Part 45**

**Message:** “Love One Another”

**Text:** John 13:31-38

**Date:** 11/20/2022

- ★ John’s purpose for writing was to connect people to Jesus! (John 20:30-31)
- ★ John was writing to Jewish Christians being kicked out of their synagogues (John 9:22)

### **John 13:31-38**

- (v33) “my children” = “little children” - a term of endearment from teacher to students
- (v33) The start of the Farewell Discourse (His last chance to teach His disciples before His death)
- (v34) “*new* command” - new in *method*, not message (John 13:15)
- (v35) people will know we’re Christians when we reflect His love
- (v38) we’ll see Peter’s denials in John 18

### **Compare John 13 with 1 John 3...**

- 1 John 3:16 - The people at John’s church knew and experienced persecution. They felt the weight of John’s words when he said we ought to lay down our lives for our faith family
- 1 John 3:17-18 - love one another with actions and truth

### **Video Illustration - Nikta’s Story**

- Search for the full version on YouTube: “There Is Always Hope - Nikta”

**Reflect on 1 John 4:7-12, 15-19**

# - Going Deeper -

For individual or small group study

1. **READ** 1 John 3:1-24.
2. Jesus calls His followers “children,” which is why John can say we are “children of God.” As a Christian, how does your identity as a Child of God impact you spiritually, emotionally and practically?
3. “Love” in this chapter implies great affection, care, loyalty and devotion toward one another. Why is this kind of love important to have in our local church family?
4. **READ Genesis 4:1-16.** In a way, the story of Cain and Abel is a retelling of the Fall in Genesis 3. How is “the world” like Cain, as John says (1 John 3:12-13)? Why does John put hating someone on the same level as murdering someone (1 John 3:15)? What are the parallels in Genesis 4 and 1 John 3:15 to Judas and his betrayal of Jesus? How do you think John (the author) felt about Judas betraying Jesus?
5. What are some practical examples of loving one another with actions and truth (1 John 3:18)?
6. **READ 1 John 4:7-21.** What might God be speaking to you through this passage?

## Recommended Resources

- *NIV Faithlife Illustrated Study Bible*, christianbook.com, <https://bit.ly/3kxieXw>
- “Overview: John 13-21” by Bible Project, search on YouTube
- “There Is Always Hope - Nikta” search on YouTube