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Daily Devotional for THE IMPACT OF AGAPE LOVE

Here is a Daily Devotional to enable you to make the most out of this sermon. You may use it for your personal growth or discuss it together in your Life Group.

September 26: Sacrifice.

- Read 1 John 4:10-14. Which verse speaks to you the most in this passage? How would what you have read transform your life?
- Pastor Whitcomb told us three ways that Agape Love makes an impact: Agape Love sacrifices for us, sanctifies us, and sends us. Which of these three areas do you need to focus on the most in your life right now? Why did you choose that area?
- We often don't like to hear about the topic of "sacrifice". We would rather focus on blessings and receiving from God. Yet it is impossible to love without sacrifice. Pray and ask God to give you a heart of love so that you will pay any price to love Him and others. Ask the Lord to consume you with His love so that sacrifice will bring you joy.
- Join Agape House this Saturday, October 1st for SERVE DAY at 8:00 am. Let's show God's love to our community as we serve others with food and clothing distribution, free medical care, and prayers for the needy.

September 27: Let Love Grow.

- Read 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13. Love grows and as it does, we are changed. As we are changed, we become holy and without fault.
- Pastor Whitcomb shared three stories of people who were transformed by Agape Love: The Liberian warlord, the gangsters in Chicago, and the drug addict. Which of these stories spoke to you the most?
- What are three practical ways you need to grow in your love?
- Pray this prayer by faith: "Father God, I thank you so much for giving Your Son, Jesus Christ, for me! Your love is so great! I can never repay you for all that You've done for me. Please take my life and use it as an instrument of Your love. Fill me with Your love and change me so that I can love like You love. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen."

September 28: Walk in Love.

- Do you have some hard-to-love people in your life? What is it about these people that makes it difficult to love them?
- Read Ephesians 5:1-2. In verse 2, Apostle Paul admonishes us to walk in the way of love. Jesus gave us an example of how to love by the way He gave. He gave freely to everyone, whether they loved Him or not. In the same manner, we are called to walk in love. We are called to love sacrificially, without expecting anything in return. We are called to love with great commitment, whether we feel like it or not. Remember that just as physical walking requires effort, walking in love will also require a lot of effort. Are you prepared for this journey of love?
- What can you do to walk in love this Saturday on SERVE DAY as Agape House goes out to serve our community with love, provisions, and prayers?
- Make this faith declaration out loud: "I am empowered by the Spirit to spread the love of Christ everywhere I go. Heaven rejoices as I move in love."

September 29: Use Your Platform.

- What would you do if you received good news about an expectation you had? Discuss how you would react with your Life Group. Most people would not hide this good news from their loved ones. Well, you have the best news of all time – the Gospel of Christ. What should you do with this?
- Read Romans 10:11-17. Which verse in this passage spoke to you the most? Read verse 15 again. What lesson can you learn from this verse? How can this lesson apply to you?
- The early church had a strong impact on their society socially, politically, and philosophically because they used every platform to serve God's kingdom. What platforms do you have today? How can you use them to serve God's kingdom?
- Ask God to fortify your will with the zeal to serve His kingdom and impact the world.

September 30: Be A Witness.

- Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-20. All believers in Jesus Christ have been given the task of sharing the Gospel through our words, our love, and our lifestyle. Not every Christian is called to preach, but we are all called to be witnesses. What phrase in this passage is most meaningful to you? Re-write this passage in your own words and read it out loud.
- Are there any issues holding you back from being a witness for Christ? If so, what are those issues? How can you overcome those issues so that you can be an agent of reconciliation?
- Pray this prayer by faith: "Dear Lord, I thank You for reconciling me to You and that You no longer count my sins against me. Help me to be Your ambassador to share Your Good News with others. In Jesus' name. Amen."

October 1: What's Your Impact?

- What stood out to you the most in the sermon preached last weekend? How will what you heard influence the way you live from now?
- Read Acts 2:42-47. How often were people saved in the first church? What does the frequency of people being saved say to you about the impact of the first church?
- We all impact everyone around us either positively or negatively. Think about your life: is your impact on others mostly positive or mostly negative or mostly neutral? If you were the ONLY Christian your friends knew, would they receive enough influence from you in order to be saved? Why or why not?
- Ask God to help you be a positive impact on those you encounter today at SERVE DAY. Pray for the grace to continue to use you to impact everyone you meet everywhere you go.

October 2: Reach Out with Love.

- What does "love" mean to you? How can you reach out to the world with love?
- Read Luke 10:30-37. What lessons have you learned from this passage? In verse 37, Jesus commanded His disciples to "go and do the same". What did Jesus command them to do? Are you doing as Jesus commanded? How?
- The souls of people in this world are at stake. Agape Love will give you compassion to reach out to people around you who need relief, support, encouragement, and the truth of the gospel. We are called to be faithful in our duties. Stay faithful in reaching out to others with love.
- October is OUTREACH MONTH at Agape House. Everyone in Agape is challenged to bring at least ONE PERSON to church this month. Ask God to show you the one person He wants you to invite and bring. Pray for that person and ask the Holy Spirit to motivate him or her to come with you to Agape House. Then take a step of love and invite your friend to church!