

FIREPROOF YOUR RELATIONSHIPS

"You Can't Give What You Don't Have"

1 John 4:7-21...He first loved us

*"How am I supposed to show love to someone
who constantly rejects me?"*

Caleb

"Son, you can't give her what you don't have"

John

We all need TO BE LOVED

We all need to GIVE LOVE

The word Love — AGAPE...unconditional love... 25 TIMES (in 1 John 4:7-21)

FIREPROOFING RELATIONSHIPS PRINCIPLES

#1 When people have profound experiences, they want TO SHARE THEM

"...since God loved us, we also ought to love one another" 1 John 4:11

#2 An encounter with God is a PROFOUND EXPERIENCE

John 3:16 Up close and made personal

"For God so loved (YOUR NAME) that He gave His only begotten Son, so that if (YOUR NAME) would believe in Him (YOUR NAME) would not perish but (YOUR NAME) would have everlasting life. (TBV)

#3 Those who live close to God find that their love for others is ALWAYS INCREASING

"God is love. Whoever lives in God lives in love, and God in him. In this way, love is made complete in us..." 1 John 4:16-17

How do we get closer to God?

* DAILY TIME with God

* WEEKLY TEAM for God

* GENEROUS GIVING to God

#4 Love eliminates **FEAR**

"There is no fear. Perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment"

1 John 4:18

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid"

Hebrews 13:6

#5 We love because He **FIRST LOVED US**

"Above all, love one another deeply, for love covers a multitude of sins" 1 Peter 4:8

Romans 5:8

THE LOVE DARE CHALLENGE #1: Receive God's Love

Dear Jesus, I want to receive your love today. I believe you came and died for me, and I want to be in your family and follow you and your way. Starting today, I invite you into my heart. Lead me, guide me and love me so that I can love others better every day."

THE LOVE DARE CHALLENGE #2: Help Me to Love

Husbands: Everyday this week, ask the Lord to show you one way to love your wife, then do it.

Wives: Everyday this week, ask the Lord to show you one way to love your husband, then do it.

Singles: Make a list of family members, friends or co-workers and assign a day to each of them. Every day this week, ask the Lord to show you one way to love the person of the day.