

## A Time for Love (John 15:9)

Introduction: *“Loved for what I am inside...”*

- I. A FALSE UNDERSTANDING OF LOVE LEADS TO DISAPPOINTMENT
  - A. Many have a false concept about love
  - B. The reality of life often leads to disappointment
  
- II. REAL LOVE AVOIDS DISAPPOINTMENT & LEADS TO LIFE AS GOD INTENDS
  - A. **“God is love” (1 John 4:8)**
  - B. Real love *is an act of the will that sacrifices oneself for the needs of others*
    1. 1 John 4:9
    2. 1 John 4:10
    3. John 15:13
    4. John 3:16 & 17
  - C. Faith in Jesus’ real love brings real results
  
- III. REAL LOVE IS POSSIBLE THROUGH JESUS’ SACRIFICIAL LOVE
  - A. **“We love because He first loved us” (1 John 4:19)**
  - B. Jesus’ life & love empowers our love (Romans 5:6-7)
  - C. We can grow & mature in His love (1 John 4:16-17)

Conclusion: *A true tale of love: “The Straight Story” – 800 km on a riding lawnmower*