

## What's Love Got to Do with It?

(Deuteronomy 30:15-20 & John 15:9)

Introduction: *Valentine's Day & a Tina Turner song...*

- 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 need of others**
    1. 1 John 4:9
    2. 1 John 4:10
    3. John 15:9 & 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 empower our love (Romans 5:6-7)
  - C. We can grow & mature in His love (1 John 4:16-17)

Conclusion: *"I knew you'd come for me"* (a battlefield story from world war one)