

DEUTERONOMY 30:19-20

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SERMON OUTLINE FEBRUARY 12, 2017

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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 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 story of love on a battlefield:
"I knew you'd come for me"*