

# LOVE: NOT JUST A FEELING

*(Deuteronomy 30:15-20; John 15:9)*

**INTRODUCTION:** *The origin of Valentine's Day:  
a man in prison*

## I. A FALSE UNDERSTANDING OF LOVE LEADS TO DISAPPOINTMENT

- A. Though the Bible speaks clearly about love  
(Deuteronomy 30:19-20; John 15:19) still . . .
- B. Many have a false concept about love
- C. 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."*