



The Way of Love

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John 13:34-35 (NIV)

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1 John 4:7-8 (NIV)

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1 John 4:9-10 (NIV)

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1 John 4:11-12 (NIV)

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Matthew 22:37-40 (NIV)

Discussion Questions

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2. Who in your life would you say exhibits the kind of love Jesus did/does?
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