

Changing Lives through

Relationship

Part 1

1 John 4:20

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What Love looks like (not an exhaustive list):

- Honor
- Respect
- Submission
- Obedience
- Loyalty
- Etc.

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Love (all three) [25- Greek], **Agapeo** (from Agape, 26)- 1. To love; be full of good-will; to exhibit the same.

Agape= Love that comes only from God

1 John 4:8

He who does not love does not know God,
for God is love (Agape).

1 John 4:16

And we have known and believed the love
that God has for us. God is love (Agape),
and he who abides in love abides in God,
and God in him.

**Not only did God give His Son
sacrificially, but He also gives us:**

- Honor
- Respect
- Loyalty
- Faithfulness
- Kindness
- Etc.

Hebrews 13:17

Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

Four Levels of Relationship (those who rule over you):

1. The Shepherd - Flock Relationship

A) The Shepherd-Lamb Relationship (for the babes)

B) The Shepherd-Sheep Relationship (for the more mature)

Four Levels of Relationship (those who rule over you):

2. The Teacher - Disciple Relationship

Note: This can also be understood as the Master-Servant Relationship.

Four Levels of Relationship (those who rule over you):

3. The Parent - Child Relationship

Note: As this relationship grows, it becomes the Father-Son Relationship

Four Levels of Relationship (those who rule over you):

4. Father - Son Relationship

Note: This is what every Parent – Child Relationship is to grow into.

The Shepherd-Flock Relationship

John 21:15-17

15 So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" *[Love= Agapeo]*

He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs." *[Love= Phileo]*

John 21:15-17

16 He said to him again a second time, "Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me?" **[Love= Agapeo]**

He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My sheep." **[Love= Phileo]**

John 21:15-17

17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me?"

[Love= Phileo]

Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" **[Love= Phileo]**

And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." **[Love= Phileo]**

Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep.

Break down:

- ***Jesus asks:*** “Simon, do you have a God-like Sacrificial Love for Me?”
- ***Simon Peter answers:*** “I have a brotherly love You.”
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Love [25- Greek]= **Agapeo** (from Agape, 26)- 1. To love; be full of good-will; to exhibit the same

Love [5368- Greek]= **Phileo** 1. To love; to be friendly. 2. Brotherly love.

V.15) “Feed My Lambs”

Feed= give them food and drink (milk)

Lambs= Babes (immature ones).

Note: *This is the most basic of the Shepherds function. The Little Ones need the most attention and care in the area of feeding.*

V.16) “Tend My Sheep”

Tend= Shepherd; Rule.

Sheep= The mature of the Flock.

Note: *The second thing for the Shepherd to do is to Shepherd, or Rule (Govern) the Mature ones.*

V.17-) “Feed My Sheep”

Feed= give them food (meat)

Sheep= mature ones

Jeremiah 23:1-4

1 "Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture!" says the LORD.

2 Therefore thus says the LORD God of Israel against the shepherds who feed My people: "You have scattered My flock, driven them away, and not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for the evil of your doings," says the LORD.

Jeremiah 23:1-4

3 "But I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and bring them back to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.

4 I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, nor shall they be lacking," says the LORD.

John 10:11-18

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

12 But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them.

John 10:11-18

13 The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep.

14 I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own.

15 As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

John 10:11-18

16 And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

17 "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again.

18 No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."



Who are you Shepherding?

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