

# **THE GREATEST LOVE**

John 15:12-17

# LOVE

- The heart of the two greatest commandments.
- “Faith, hope and love...”

“This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.” (Joh 15:12-13)

# JESUS' LOVE

- Creator to creation
- Potter to clay
- Farmer to crops
- Master to slave

# STORIES OF LOVE

- Hosea and Gomer – a tragedy
- Boaz and Ruth – giving up self
- Song of Solomon – mutual devotion and desire
- The love story of the Creator who desires the creation to become like the Creator.
- John 15:12-17

# THE LOVE OF GOD

- "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. (Joh 3:16)
- But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,
- <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),
- <sup>6</sup> and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus,
- <sup>7</sup> so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. (Eph 2:4-7)

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- See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and *such* we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.
- <sup>2</sup> Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.
- <sup>3</sup> And everyone who has this hope *fixed* on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. (1Jo 3:1-3)