

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

Loving & Being Loved

Love **cannot happen** alone

- Someone **must love**, and someone **must be loved**
- For a love relationship to exist, someone **must receive the love** given
- Exchanging love may not be as easy as it might seem

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I John 4:16 & 19

*"We have known and believed the love that God has for us. **God is love...** We love Him because He first loved us."*

Original love loves first

We **learn to love** by **being** loved and **receiving** love...

- Not only receiving love's benefits, but the love itself

We usually **first receive love** through other people

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When we receive Christ, loving and being loved is **our assignment**

- People **loving each other** is Christ's testimony

So... what does it look like?

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Some Examples

Jonathan & David – I Samuel 20:17 & 42

Ruth & Naomi – Ruth 1:16-17

Joseph & his brothers – Genesis 50:15-21

Philip & Nathanael – John 1:43-46

Elijah & Elisha – II Kings 2:2,4, 6 & 9

Mary & Elisabeth – Luke 1:39-45

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When we follow God's lead and love first, it can be challenging

Jesus & Peter – John 21:39-45

- **Agape vs Phileo**

Agape is our desire...

*And **Jesus meets us** in the best we're capable of at the time*

James 5:16

"Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results."

Do you think Peter was healed?

Go and do likewise....