



Title | God's Love Language
Series | NOW I SEE
Text | John 14:15-31
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Sermon Notes

John 14:15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. **16** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, **17** even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. **18** I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. **19** Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. **20** In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. **21** Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." **22** Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?" **23** Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. . . . **28** You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father . . ." *ESV*

Big Idea:

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John 14:23

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For Reflection & Application:

Monday:

How would you rate your closeness with God right now? Use a zero-to-ten scale, zero meaning you could not possibly feel further away from God, ten meaning you could not possibly feel closer. Are you content with your rating?

Tuesday:

Read John 14:15, 21, 24. According to Jesus, how do you love him? How does this square with current cultural conceptions of love?

Wednesday:

Read John 14:21. According to Jesus, what is the response of Jesus and the Father to our obedience? Is God's love here conditional or unconditional? How do you reconcile this with God's love described in Romans 5:7-8?

Thursday:

Read John 14:21-23. What is the ultimate result of our obedience? What does it mean for Jesus and the Father to make their home with us? What does this suggest about what we can do to experience closeness with God?

Friday:

Reread John 14:21. What can you do to make sure you "have" the commandments of Jesus? Are there some commands that you already know but need to obey more fully (e.g. John 13:34)? What is at stake?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, please make your home in me that I may experience your closeness. Help me to be a consistent consumer of your word in Scripture that I may have your commands in my heart. And give me the strength to keep them. Amen.