

WHO'S THEO? Part 4  
"LEANING ON LOVE"  
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What I think about God shapes my whole relationship with Him,  
and what I believe He thinks about me  
will determine how close I grow toward Him!

**BIG IDEA:**  
**GOD IS LOVING!**

God's love is His holy disposition toward all that He has created that compels Him to express unconditional affection and selective correction to provide the highest quality of existence, both now and forever, for the object of His love.

**What would happen if you really believed this about Gods love . . .**

- God's thoughts, intentions, desires, and plans are always for your good and never for your harm.  
Jeremiah 29:11; James 5:17
- God is kind, open, approachable, frank, and eager to be your friend.  
John 13:12-15
- God emotionally identifies with your pain, joy, hopes, and dreams and has chosen to allow your happiness to affect His own.  
John 11:33-36
- He takes pleasure in you just for who you are completely apart from your performance and/or accomplishments.  
Psalm 139; Zephaniah 3, Romans 5:8

**Today's CLUE: I need to rely on God's Love by . . .**

1. Saturating my mind with the Truth of God's Love for me  
(Romans 8:38-39)
2. Asking God to help me grasp His love (Eph 3:14-19)
3. Refusing to seek love in cheap substitutes (1 John 2:15-16)

**And then I need to release it!**  
1 John 3:16-18

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*For further study of today's message*

**Entry Point:** Do you get it yet? God **is** loving! God loves **you!** You can rely on it! Begin your study by rereading the scriptures from *Who's Theo*, Part 4. Consider how these truths have been expressed in your own life, and how you express them to others.

Remembering what God has already done for you by sending his Son to die for you, how else does He need to convince/convict you that He loves you? If you have reservations about His love, what are they? What do your reservations tell others about your relationship with God?

What do you love more than God? Your family? Your job? Your "things?" If your answer is "I love *nothing* more than I love God," how would others know this about you based on the priorities of your life? About the way you love others?

All of the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17) are about relationships. Four are about our relationship with God, and the other six are about our relationships with people. In Matthew 22:36-40, Jesus gives us "The Great Commandment," reminding us of the basis for how we are to live our lives. How well do you do at keeping this Commandment? What do you need to do differently, more, or better?

God's love is an **action** – not a thing. We can't possess it, hang on to it, or hoard it. How do you actively, continually, unsparingly, and sacrificially love others on a *daily* basis?

*"Your strong love for each other*

*will prove to the world*

*that you are my disciples."*

John 13:35