

# JANUARY 17

LOVING ONE ANOTHER • ROMANS 12:9-13

## DISCUSSING GOD'S WORD

1. In a sense, everything in verses 9-13 is showing us how to “let love be genuine.” How do things like hating evil, patiently enduring affliction, fervency of spirit, and constancy in prayer shed light on what genuine love in the body of Christ looks like?
2. How might being “slothful in zeal” and not serving the Lord with a fervent spirit affect your ability to love others in the body well?
3. What are the “hands and feet” of genuine love in these verses? In other words, how will genuine love be seen and felt by others in the body?
4. How is the call to genuine, fervent, active love for one another empowered by God’s mercy (12:1-2) and the reality that we belong to one another (12:4-5)?

## APPLYING GOD’S WORD

1. Which of these descriptions of genuine love are evident in your life and relationships? Give thanks to God and ask that you might excel still more.
2. Which of these descriptions of genuine love are lacking in your life and relationships? How can you grow in these areas?
3. How can you show brotherly love and honor to someone around you this week?

## PRAYING GOD’S WORD

1. Father, we thank You for the great love with which You love us, and we acknowledge that it’s only by resting in Your love in Christ that we’re able to love one another with sincerity.
2. We ask You to make our love for one another more genuine, more enduring, more zealous and more sacrificial as we continue to be transformed by Your mercy.

3. We pray that the love we have for one another as followers of Jesus would be a powerful testimony to many in our communities of who Jesus is and what He came to accomplish.