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# Life Hacks

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## #3 - Love

### Life Hack Definition

*A (usually) simple and clever tip or technique for accomplishing some familiar task more easily and efficiently*

**Preparing ourselves to share the power of God's love within everyday relationships.**

**The trouble with love....**

### A Love Defined

+ 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8a

A love defined looks like Jesus

+ John 13:2-17

## **Hack #1: *Let Jesus define your practice of love.***

### **A Love Received**

*'God loves you. He's on your side. He's coming after you. He's relentless.'* - Eugene Peterson

- + The best kind of love is offered when we realise just how much God loves us.

## **Hack #2: *Be secure in your beloved identity***

How to do this? Three examples from Jesus.

- + Find space to hear God's voice - Luke 4:42
- + Reserve your title to come from God alone - John 2:24
- + Let love generate from a relational Presence with God - John 5:19

### **A Love Returned**

- + 1 John 4:7-10

A love returned is based on our *identity* and *destiny*. “*This is who I am and this is where I am going*”. But while identity gives us the power to love, it’s destiny that gives us the vision on how to direct it.

### **Hack #3: Love with a vision of destiny**

How to do this? Three examples from Jesus.

- Love beyond the moment - Luke 23:34
- Live a Kingdom culture - Matthew 5:43-45
- Seek Redemption - Luke 4:18-19

### **Love Declared/Love Demonstrated**

Footprints vs. monuments

*A monument only says, ‘At least I got this far’ while a footprint says, ‘This is where I was when I moved again.’” - William Faulkner*

## Questions for Discussion

1. What words would you use to describe the nature of love? Where do you see these qualities in the life of Jesus or character of God?
2. In what ways is our capacity to love others limited by how deeply we have allowed God to love us? Try reading Luke 7:36–50 to take the conversation further.
3. What are some of the practices you can do when you are struggling to love others? How do you find more freedom to freely love?
4. Can you describe a story where you have seen a display of God's love being declared or demonstrated? How has that inspired or changed you?
5. Try this: In your next significant conversation or task try to see in what ways you can align your words or actions with God's heart. You might want to pray, reflect on scripture, or worship in advance. The aim is to create a habit of reflecting God's love in ways that are like a statement of faith, *"This is how God loves us"*.