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Love is not what _____ does, but _____ is who God is!

Whoever does not love does not know God, for Godis love.1 John 4:8 (NRSV)

"For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 (NLT)

Why Is It So Hard for Us To Feel God's Love?

1. Maybe we are not _____ God.

But first, be concerned about his kingdom and what has his approval. Then all these things will be provided for you. Matthew 6:33 (GW)

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. **Romans 12:2a (NIV2011)** 2. We don't _____ like God _____.

¹⁰ This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. **1 John 4:10-11 (NLT)**

If we are going to _____ like Jesus lived, we have got to _____ like Jesus loved.

3. We feel _____

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8 (NIV2011)

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. **Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)**

My Next Step Today Is To...

- Respond to God's love by accepting Jesus as my Savior.
- Actively seek God by _____
- Let God's love more readily flow through my life to those around me.
- Memorize and/or meditate on 1 John 4:11