

AUDACIOUS

EXTREMELY BOLD OR DARING;
RECKLESSLY BRAVE; FEARLESS

PSALM 112:7

AUDACIOUS LOVE (FIVE COMPONENTS - I JOHN 4:7-21)

And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother. **I John 4:21**

1. **SOURCE** - God is love (I John 4:7-8,20)
2. **EXAMPLE** - God showed us His love through Jesus (I John 4:9-11,19; Romans 5:6-11)
3. **PROCESS** - God perfects us in His love (I John 4:12; Philippians. 3:12-14)
4. **PROMISE** - God's love gives us assurance of salvation through the Spirit (I John 4:13-16; John 5:24; Rom. 5:5a)
5. **CONFIDENCE** - God's love gives us confidence as we approach God's judgment - NO FEAR (I John 4:17-18; Isaiah 12:2)

Discussion Questions

1. Read Micah 7:18. In what areas of your life do you feel God's love the most? (ex. family, forgiveness, mercy, etc.) Discuss.
2. Read Philippians 3:12-14. What are some things Paul teaches us about the perfecting process that is at work in all our lives? (ex. we are a work in progress). Discuss.
3. Romans 5:5a. Do you remember the day that the Lord "poured" into your heart the Holy Spirit . . . the day you made Jesus Christ Lord of your life? Share about that day.
4. Pray for God to give you an audacious love for each other and the people God puts in your path this week.

I JOHN 4:7-21 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in I love abides in God, and God abides in him.

¹⁷ By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

¹⁹ We love because he first love us.

²⁰ If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.

²¹ And this commandment we have from him: whoever love God must also love his brother.

ROMANS 5:6-11 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

PHILIPPIANS 3:12-14: Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

JOHN 5:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

ROMANS 5:5a God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.