



**NAVIGATE.** HOW TO SUCCESSFULLY JOURNEY THROUGH LIFE AND THESE TIMES

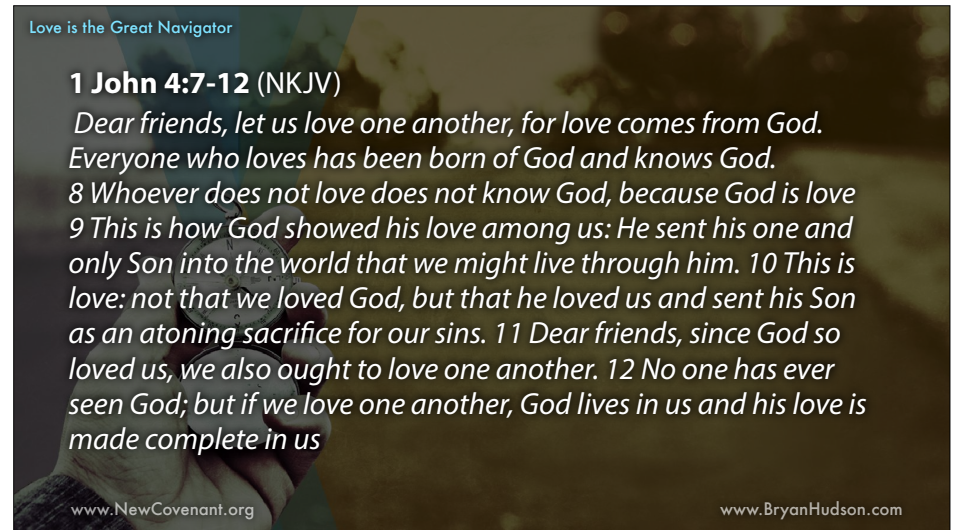
Personally Financially Relationally Socially Systemically

Part 12 - SERIES CONCLUSION

# LOVE IS THE GREAT NAVIGATOR

1 JOHN 4:11  
*Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.*

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**1 John 4:7-12 (NKJV)**

*Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.*

*8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love*

*9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.*

*10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.*

*11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.*

*12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us*

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## Navigation Requires Fixed Points (coordinates)

### #1 Jesus Christ

*Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever.*  
(Hebrews 13:8)

### #2 The Word of God

### #3 Objective Truth and Facts

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## Lessons in the Series

**PART 1 - Introduction:** Navigation Requires Fixed Points (coordinates)

**PART 2 - Self-Care:** Fit for the Journey

**PART 3 - Power of Nurture:** Preparing Children to Navigate Life

**PART 4 - The Compass of Love,** James called love the "Royal Law."

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## Lessons in the Series

**PART 5 - Ten Things You Can Do** - *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:13)*

**PART 6 - Navigating Systems of God and Men**

**The Conquerer's Mindset** by Patricia A. Hudson, *"If God is for us, who can be against us?"* Romans 8:31

## Lessons in the Series

**PART 7 - Systems of Failure & Success:** A system affects the whole not only the parts, which is why we call its effect "systemic." Systems can either contribute to your failure or to your success, but you get to decide.

**PARTS 8 & 9 - The Power of Together:** Better, Bigger, Braver, and Bolder

**PARTS 10 & 11 - The Pull of Value & Priority** - What we value drives our attitudes and actions.

## John 3:16

*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.*

## 1 John 4:9

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world **that we might live through him.** 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

## How Do We Live Through Jesus?

Living through Jesus is not something you do.  
It is something you are.

## LOVE is Where We LIVE!

### 1 John 4:7

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## LOVE is Where We LIVE!

- You are already wired to love. It is your spiritual DNA.
- God is love. Because God is in you, love is in you.
- You are a love generator.

## LOVE is Where We LIVE!

We don't have to talk about how to have love.

We only need to talk about how to not let your love grow cold.



## Matthew 24:11

*Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.  
12 And because **lawlessness will abound**, the **love of many will grow cold** (ψύχω).*

**Lawlessness** and **discouragement** are the enemies of your love walk.

Overexposure to wicked things desensitize you or cause you to think nothing and no one matters.

**“Grow cold”** ψύχω - To breathe, blow, cool by blowing; passive, to be made or to grow cool or cold, reduction of temperature by evaporation

## Don't Let Your Love Grow Cold

“The second danger is that of discouragement. There are those whose love will grow cold because of the increasing lawlessness of the world. The true Christian is the person who holds to one's belief, when belief is at its most difficult; and who, in the most discouraging circumstances, refuses to believe that God's arm is shortened or his power grown less.”

~ William Barclay Commentary

## You are a Love Generator

*"We also ought to love..."*

### 1 John 4:10

10 This is love: **not that we loved God**, but that **he loved us** and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

11 Dear friends, **since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.** 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us

*"But if **we love** one another, **God lives in us** and his **love is made complete** [perfected] in us ..."* (1 John 4:12)

**The best way to navigate through a difficult situation or difficult people is to live through Christ and walk in love.**