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# GIVE GOD ROOM TO SHOW HIS LOVE

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## INTRODUCTION

Last week, Pastor Chip began our five-week series with the message, "Give God Room to Satisfy Us." This week, he focuses on a second theme, "Give God Room to Show His Love." Often, we build walls to keep God's love at bay out of fear, anger, unbelief or misunderstanding.

## DISCUSSION

1. What character traits do you value in those closest to you? What makes you value those particular characteristics? Why do we trust others when we sense they love us?
2. **Read Romans 5:6-10, 1 John 4:9-10 and Galatians 4:4-7** and discuss the depth of Jesus's love for you. How does focusing on Jesus' love for us change the way we trust Him with the rest of our lives?
3. Reflect upon the physical, mental, emotional and social torment a crucified person experienced. How does this change your understanding of how much Christ loves you?
4. Have you ever felt God's love isn't for you? What are some ways embracing God's love for us changes our daily lives?
5. Are you giving God room to express His love to you?
6. How are you reacting to God's love daily?

## DO SOMETHING

1. Contemplate how much God the Father gave up in sacrificing His only Son, and how much Jesus gave up to die for your sins.
2. **Read Romans 8:31-39** several times throughout this week and apply it to the difficulties or fears you are currently facing.
3. Share with someone how much God loves you and what He has done or is doing for you.

## RESOURCES

1. John 18-21 and Romans 8:31-39
2. Book: *The Great House of God: A Home for Your Heart* by Max Lucado
3. Article: "Knowing God's Love Is Impossible" from *Christianity Today*
4. Video: "Gospel of the Kingdom" by The Bible Project