

# A Community of God

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## 1 Corinthians 14:1

Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.

Love is unconditional. It is not *fair*; it is not based on conditions of goodness or perceived worthiness.

The Love of God our Father is unconditional towards us. It does not change because you make mistakes, or because you are not everything you think you should be. He loves you regardless of what you have done and regardless of your past.

Some people are hindered from receiving such unconditional love from a heavenly father, because their earthly fathers failed them or harmed them in some way. God wants to heal that hurt, and help hurting people to receive the love of their heavenly father. He desires to help hurting people walk in forgiveness towards others who have inflicted pain and disappointment upon them.

## 1 John 4:12-13

No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

I have the capacity and potential to love like God loves, but it is my choice. To demonstrate the love of the Father, I need to choose to receive His love and extend His love to others.

## Galatians 5: 13

For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

We are to serve one another with His love.

God's love is unconditional, and so we out to love unconditionally.

In order to walk in the love of the Father:

1. Give up your right to be offended. Your offense may be justified, and you may have every right to be angry. Still, the Lord requires you to receive His help and release others who have harmed you.
2. Allow yourself to be loved by God. Maybe you don't see yourself as loveable, but this is really your own pride that won't allow you to be loved by God.
3. Lose yourself in worship of God. Abandon your heart to Him, focus on Him. Decrease so that He might increase.