

40 Days of Love Preparation
IT'S ALL ABOUT LOVE

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THE BASICS OF LOVE

1. We Love Because GOD LOVES US

...love comes from God... for God is love. *1 John 4:7-8 (NLT)*

We love because God first loved us. *1 John 4:19 (NIV)*

2. Love Is a CHOICE and a COMMITMENT

Choose to love the Lord your God... and commit yourself to him... *Deuteronomy 30:20 (NLT)*

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Let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. *1 John 3:18 (NIV)*

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5. Love Is A HABIT

Continue to love each other with true Christian love. *Hebrews 13:1 (NLT)*

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**40 Days of Love Pre-Test
 ASSESSING YOUR RELATIONSHIPS**

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HOW TO BECOME GREAT AT RELATIONSHIPS

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2. Learn How Jesus Did It
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4. Develop The Habits
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