

# WHEN HOPE IS FULL

February 18, 2018

1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

I. I love like \_\_\_\_\_ . – v. 9

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What are some ways you tend to love yourself (your ideas, opinion, preferences, comfort, desires, etc...) more than you should? How does this negatively impact your life and relationships? With others? With God?

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### 3. APPLY THE TRUTH

Paul tells us to love others more and more. What are some practical, tangible ways you can start to love others more than yourself? (Think about different relationships: family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, boss, church members, people not like you, etc...)

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### 4. COMMIT THIS WEEK

Write down one person you want to show extra love to this week so they can be blessed by the hope you have in Jesus.

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II. I love \_\_\_\_\_ more. – v. 10



III. I love \_\_\_\_\_ less. – v. 11-12

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## SMALL GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Hope is measured by love. What's your love gauge telling you?

### 1. REVIEW THE SERMON

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12. What is Paul emphasizing to his readers in this section? Why is he putting so much emphasis on this topic? Paul says Christians are taught by God regarding this topic. How does God do that? What does it look like?

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Paul tells us we should love others more and love ourselves less. How does this compare to the message of our culture concerning love and self? Why do you think the Bible stresses loving God and loving others over loving ourselves?

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### 2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

How are you doing with loving others? Name one thing you did this week to love a fellow Christian. When was the last time you showed love to someone else outside your normal people or places? Give an example.

**THE LEVEL OF MY \_\_\_\_\_ SHOWS  
THE FULLNESS OF MY \_\_\_\_\_.**

#### **Stewardship Report:**

Last Week: \$4,182.00

This Month: \$6,251.00

Last Month: \$15,784.00

Monthly Budget: \$15,070.00



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