

August Development Guide

SUBJECT: LET LOVE LEAD



"Let Love Lead" is the first value that we have at Victory Family Church. This value encompasses three key principles:

1. God's unconditional love transforms everyone it touches.
2. It energizes our lives, directs our culture, and sets our strategy.
3. We don't lead people into the Kingdom, we love them into the Kingdom.

God's Unconditional Love:

God LOVES me! God loves you so much that He desires to have a relationship with you. That is the reason He sent His Son, Jesus, to die for our sins and sent the Holy Spirit to live in us. When we read God's Word, pray, and go to church we are learning about His love for us and how we can operate in His love.

1. **1 John 4:9-10** – *"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. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."*
2. **Romans 5:8** – *"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."*
3. **Jude 1:21** – *"Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life."*

Love Others:

When we know God love us unconditionally, it energizes us. We have a desire to apply this to our everyday lives and we make it our goal to speak and act in love. The only way we can know if we are truly being a disciple of Christ is by the fruit that we produce. Are we showing others love? What kind of fruit are we producing? When we set a goal to love others and focus on that goal, then our words and actions will reflect that.

1. **1 John 4:7-8, 16** – *"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them."*
2. **John 13:34-35** – *"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*
3. **1 Corinthians 13:4-8** – *"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."*

Let Love Lead:

Love sees the person first before it addresses the sin. We all like to be treated with love. When we lead with love, we can speak truth that helps lead to actual change. Jesus did this with the woman caught in adultery.

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He loved her first, before addressing the sin. We will never make people in the extremes happy. The only person we should look to please is God. We do that when we follow His Word and be the Church.

1. **Ephesians 4:32** – *“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”*
2. **John 3:18** – *“Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.”*
3. **2 John 1:3** – *“Grace mercy and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father’s Son, will be with us in truth and love.”*

Discussion Questions:

1. Do I know how much God loves me as an individual? Not only in my head but also in my heart?
2. Am I producing fruit that shows I’m loving others in my life?
3. How can I let love lead me in my everyday life?