

# *Apostolic Prayers Season 2*

## *Increase of Love*



### **Scripture**

- **Philippians 1:9-11**

And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and in all discernment. So that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ; having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

### **Other Scriptures**

- 1 John 4:7
- John 13:23
- James 3:14-17
- Romans 5:18
- John 15:13
- Luke 22:42

### **Main Points**

- The things that the Apostles prayed for in the New Testament are things that are important to God.
- The Apostolic prayers are prayers that develop us into the likeness of Jesus.
- The love of God is endless.
- As we release the love of God through our lives, we are brought into a deeper encounter with Him.
- In order to abide in Jesus, we need to abide in love.
- Love is the straight and narrow way that leads to life.
- Closing prayer:

*Father God, Lord Jesus, Holy Spirit...I believe that You love me, and I agree with You that You love me, and I forgive myself. I choose to love myself in You too, Father God because You love me, I love myself and Father I purpose from this day forward to walk in love. To love You, to love myself, and to love others for Your glory, Daddy. In Jesus' name.*

### **Discussion Questions**

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1. Rabbi Schneider described love from God as moving like a body of water. If it has no movement, it gets stale. If it moves out of us toward others, then we receive more from Him and understand His love in even deeper and greater ways. Does this analogy help you desire to release more love and then receive more? How can you employ this principle in your current relationships?
2. Rabbi demonstrated through Scripture that the Creator God of the Universe through Jesus expressed love to his disciples. How free are you in ability to express love to others? Would you like to see more freedom in this area? Write a little about this?
3. Godly love looks beyond a person's sin to their need. This is real knowledge, as Rabbi described it. He used the example of the female prostitute. This means giving those we would want to judge a wide berth and letting God be the judge. When the spirit of accusation arises, how can this truth help you trust God for real knowledge and loving others?
4. Loving others and dismissing accusations against them is not really possible without doing so for you. Can you love yourself the way God does—through Jesus? Did you pray with Rabbi at the end of the teaching? Keep this prayer handy and track how this truth begins to change your life.