

## ***Our Obeying is Connected to Our Loving***

### **Opening Discussion:**

*Why do we do what is right?*

Class Review:

*What have we learned so far in our time together?*

Jesus want us to have a full joy that is rooted in him. This joy is connected to our fruit bearing, which is connected to our abiding, which is connected to our obeying.

Goals for Today:

1. Look to God's word for proper motivation for our walking in obedience.
2. Consider how well God has loved us.

### **Biblical Motives to Obey**

**Fear of God**

*Why is it right to fear God?*

Proverbs 1:7

Philippians 2:12–13

Acts 9:31

**Love for God**

John 14:15–17

John 14:23–24

John 15:9–10

1 John 5:2–3

2 John 6

Anybody besides John?

Matthew 22:36–40

Romans 13:8, 10

Galatians 5:14

Deuteronomy 30:15–16

1 John 4:15–19

***How would you explain the tension or balance of being motivated by both fear of God and love for God?***

*<https://radicallychristian.com/should-we-obey-god-out-of-love-or-fear/>*

## **We are Loved by God**

John 15:9

John 13:34–35

**Jesus loved us in coming down to earth.**

Philippians 2:1–8

**Jesus loved us by being a perfect example of love to us.**

Ephesians 5:1–2

**In the ultimate act of love Jesus died for us.**

Romans 5:8

1 John 4:10

John 15:13

***What has Jesus done that reminds you that he loves you?***

## **Prayer and Praise**

**Next Week:** Our Loving is Connected to Our Knowing