

# Sermon Resources

Sermon: Love vs. Fear

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## WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

1 John 4:16-18

GOD **IS** LOVE

**(SERMON IN A SENTENCE)** Fear makes us slaves. Love makes us children.

BEING SLAVES WE WORK FOR OUR WORTH. BEING CHILDREN WE WORK FROM OUR WORTH.

BEING SLAVES WE WORK OUT OF OBLIGATION. BEING CHILDREN WE WORK OUT OF FREEDOM.

BEING SLAVES LEADS TO RESENTMENT. BEING CHILDREN LEADS US TO LOVING.

## MEMORY VERSE

But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.  
Luke 15:20

## WHAT DO I NEED TO ASK?

- ICEBREAKER: What is something you were afraid of as a kid that seems silly now?
- How does this passage show us God's character?
- How can fear make us feel like slaves in our relationship with God?
- What are some examples of working for worth versus working from worth?
- What are some fears that keep people from fully embracing God's love?
- How can understanding our identity as God's children change the way we live?
- How does the father's response to the prodigal son illustrate love rather than fear?
- How does the older son's reaction show a mindset of slavery rather than sonship?
- How can we help others experience God's love instead of fear?
- This week, what is one area where you will choose love over fear?