

## **Life on the Other Side of Easter**

### ***What's New About Love***

John 13:31-34

#### **Reflections on Love**

**John 13:34a**

*I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.*

#### **What's new about love?**

#### **On the one hand, nothing...**

We were created in the image of God (who is love)

Encounter love all the time.

#### **On the other hand, everything...**

**John 13:35**

*By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.*

#### **Love is a command**

If obeyed will keep the spirit of Jesus alive among us.

When Jesus says I am giving you a new command, he is also saying I am giving you a new covenant fulfilling the promise made through Jeremiah

**Jeremiah 31:33**

*I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

#### **Love is a gift**

Jesus is the source of our love for one another

**John 13:34b**

*Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.*

How has Jesus loved?

Washing his disciples feet (John 13:1-5)

Laying down his life (John 15:9-17; 1 John 3:11-23)

Atoning for our sins (1 John 4:7-21)

**The generosity of God's love could not be fully known until God had given the only Son.**

