

Intro

SERMON TITLE: **Brotherly Love**

- **Guidance for living in light of Calvary.**
 - What the Christian Life is really all about.
 - Real guidance for this summer at Storehouse.
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John 13:31-32 When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. **32** If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once.

- **Colossians 1:18** And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.
- **Christian Life is First About the Glory of God**
- Moment of despair that is coming—fear, shame, scattering—will be crowning moment of God’s glory!
- **Glory of God settled—how should this new community live together?**

John 13:33-35 Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’ **34** A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. **35** By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

- “Little children.” Jesus loves disciples.
- Jesus leaving disciples. Not in same way he meant when said to unbelieving Jews looking to arrest.
 - **John 7:34** You will seek me and you will not find me. Where I am you cannot come.
 - This is not that. This is preparation for his disciples. Friends.
- New Command.
- **Christian Life is Marked by Love for One Another**
- **How will the disciples respond??**

John 13:36-38 **36** Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus answered him, “Where I am going you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward.” **37** Peter said to him, “Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.” **38** Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times.

- **Matthew 19:27** Then Peter said in reply, “See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?”
- **Christian Life Values Obedience over Personal Gain**
- **Will we obey simple, profound, sacrifice causing, humility inducing, command to love one another?**

Wrap-up

- Glory of God. New Command. Weakness gets in way.
- **1 Peter 1:22-23a** Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again...
- **v. 35:** By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.
- **This Summer at Storehouse:**
 - **Serve here, faithfully. More. Battleship, not a cruise ship.**
 - **Give regularly.**
 - **Open your schedule, home. One meal week w/ community, one w/ non-believers.**
 - **Perform one Random act of kindness/week.**