**Above The Noise!**

**Making His Love Louder!**

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This is the message you have heard from the beginning: We should love one another. 1 John 3:11 (Living)

“I give you a new command: Love each other. You must love each other just as I loved you. All people will know that you are my followers if you love each other.” John 13:34-35 (Easy To Read)

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**A sad fact: When we are loud we aren’t usually expressing love.**

**My theory: Real love is usually quiet.**

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**How do we make His Love louder?**

**Silence The Hate!**

12We must not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and killed his brother. And why did he kill him? Because Cain had been doing what was evil, and his brother had been doing what was righteous. 13So don’t be surprised, dear brothers and sisters, if the world hates you. 14If we love our brothers and sisters who are believers, it proves that we have passed from death to life. But a person who has no love is still dead.15Anyone who hates another brother or sister is really a murderer at heart. And you know that murderers don’t have eternal life within them.

1 John 3:12-15 (Living)

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**Silence hate by:**

* **Dealing with conflict differently.**
* **Forgiving each other differently.**

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**Talk Less And Do More!**

Little children, let us stop just saying we love people; let us really love them, and show it by our actions.

1 John 3:18 (Living)

**What can we do?**

* **Quietly sacrifice yourself.**

We know what real love is from Christ’s example in dying for us. And so we also ought to lay down our lives for our Christian brothers. 1 John 3:16 (Living)

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* **Meet real needs.**

But if someone who is supposed to be a Christian has money enough to live well, and sees a brother in need, and won’t help him—how can God’s love be within him? 1 John 3:17 (Living)

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* **A bias toward compassionate action.**

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**The Make His Love Louder Dare:**

Spend the next 7 days taking specific action each day to help people see his love!

* Do it as anonymously as possible.
* Email us your stories of things you did to Stories@impactpittsburgh.com

(we may share them without using names)

* An ideas list will be available at the doors or we will email it if requested.

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