

Lent Devotion for Thursday, March 30

# 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

## MULTIPLY YOUR LOVE

“<sup>9</sup> Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other.” (1 Thess. 4:9 NIV)

God ingrained the ability to love in us when he created us. When we are born, we come into the world already knowing how to love. As babies, it's basically all we really know how to do besides eating and sleeping. It is a fundamental activity and needs. God not only put this ability in us, but He also modeled it for us. He loved the world so much that He GAVE us His son Jesus Christ as our Savior! He also told us to Love our neighbors as ourselves. And He reminds us that this is the way people will know we are Jesus' Disciples.

In this scripture, Paul is applauding the believers in Thessalonica for their love for one another. He also gives them several exhortations. He urges them to increase their love, lead peaceful lives, mind their own business, and be industrious (vs. 11-12).

Love is so important to God that he went into detail about what love is in 1 Corinthians 13. Now that we know how to love we must continue to spread love and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

### **PRAYER**

*Abba Father, thank you for showing us love and for teaching us how to love. Help us to show others what you have taught us and to continue to help others feel your heart through us in Jesus' Name...Amen.*