

"By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

-John 13:35

Let love be genuine...

-Romans 12:9a

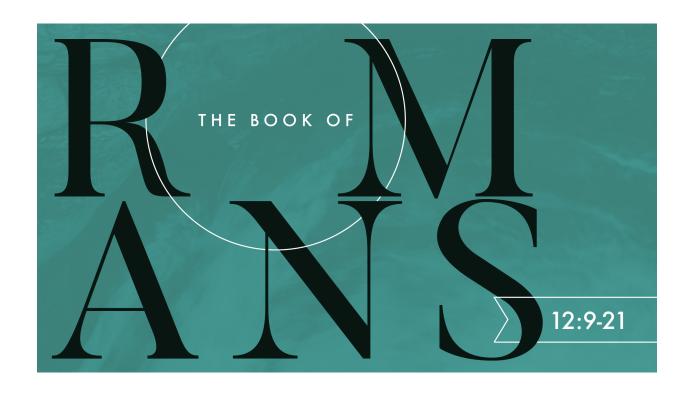
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# Genuine love is immensely practical and it's to mark us as Jesus people

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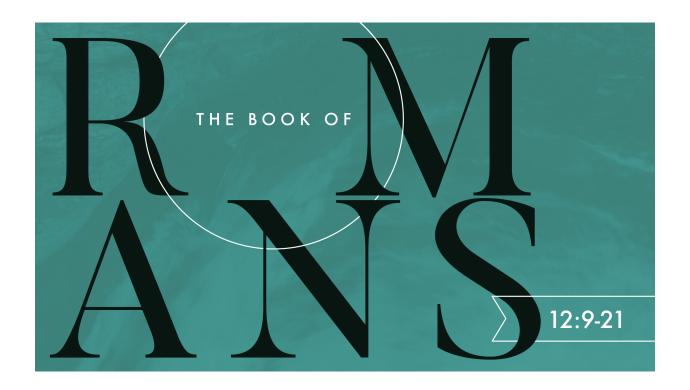
Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.

### -Romans 12:9

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I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people—not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one. For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? God judges those outside. "Purge the evil person from among you."

### -1 Corinthians 5:9-13



"God's law reveals the way in which our world and our souls were designed. To disobey God's law is always bad for the beloved. Therefore, real love is concerned about truth. Any love that is afraid to confront the beloved is not really love, but a selfish desire to be loved. This kind of selfish love is afraid to do what is right (toward God and the beloved) if it risks losing the beloved's affection...

"It makes an idol out of the beloved. It says: I'll do anything to keep him or her loving me! This is not loving the person. It is loving the love you get from the person. In other words, it is loving yourself more than the person. So any "love" that cuts corners morally, or fails to confront, is not really love at all."

### -Tim Keller

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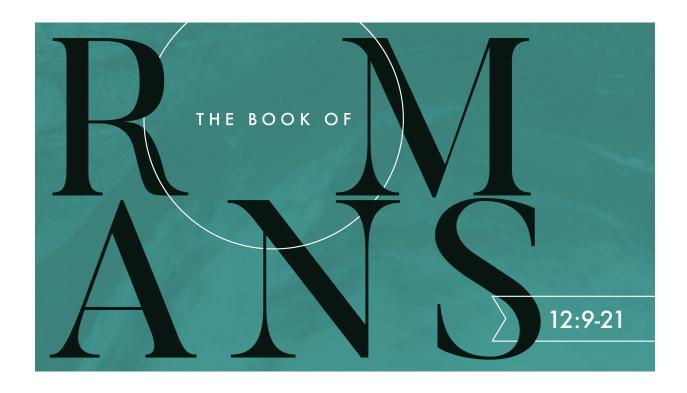
Love one another with brotherly affection.

### -Romans 12:10a

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Outdo one another in showing honor.

-Romans 12:10b

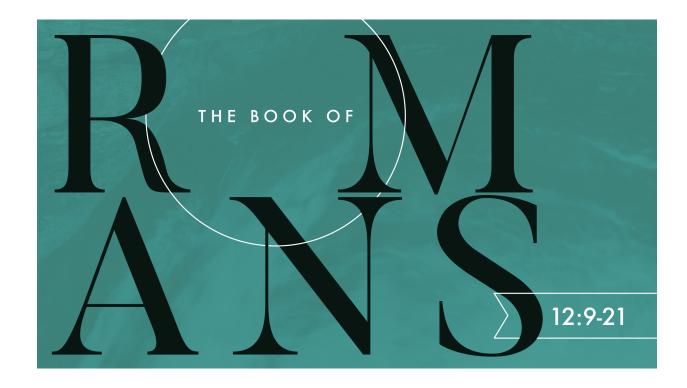
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Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

-Romans 12:12

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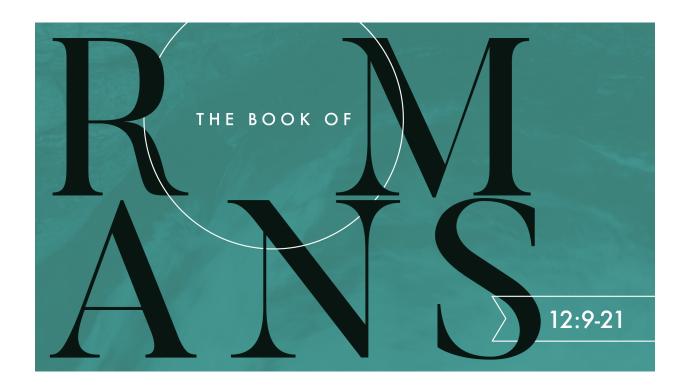


Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

-Romans 12:13

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Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.



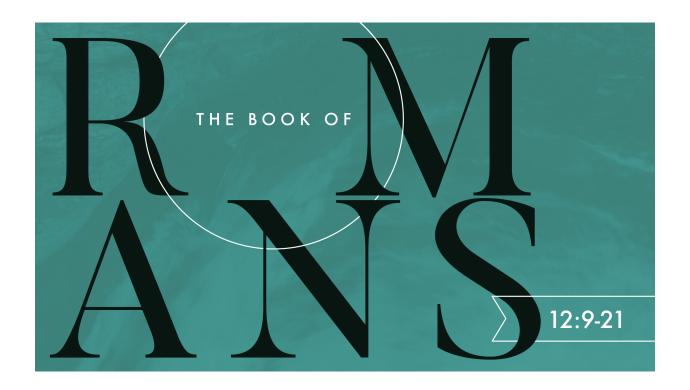
Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

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Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.



Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

### -Romans 12:17-21

