

Fireproof Your Relationships **He First Loved Us** **I John 4:7-19**

Roger Bannister was the first human to break the four minute mile. Until he did it, nobody thought that is was humanly possible. Once he broke it, his record only lasted 46 days and since then hundreds of runners have broken the four minute mile. The record today stands at 3.43.

Most of us have difficulty doing something that we have never experienced before. Like the four minute mile, most of us have not learned how to love and experience love at the deepest level. What we have not experienced we will not duplicate. Today we want to point towards God and His love so that we can see and experience love at its deepest level. We want to discuss practical tools to be a better husband, wife, neighbor, and friend.

Besides needing to give love, all of us need to be loved.

Five principles of relationships . . .

I. When people have profound experiences, they want to _____ them.

A. Kids with trophies.

II. An encounter with _____ love is a profound experience.

A. New believers share more than
“ _____ ”
believers.

1. Unless much has been done lately . . .

III. Those who live _____ to God find that their love for others is always increasing.

A. Greatness is _____.

1. Athlete = _____.
2. Business person = _____.
3. Mother = _____.

IV. Love eliminates _____.

A. “Perfect love casts out fear.” (Hebrews 13:6; I John 4:18)

V. We love because He _____ loved us.

A. Roger Bannister did something for humanity. God did something even greater.

1. He loves us
_____.

Conclusion

Three love dares for this week . . .

1. Husbands, ask the Lord this week to show you one way to love your wife and then _____ it!

2. Wives, ask the Lord this week to show you one way to love your husband and then _____ it!

3. Singles, right now make a list of people whom you need to love each day and then _____ it!

*Remember that God loves you unconditionally
so go out and show it to others!*

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