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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

**1 John 4:16** *And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.* (NIV)

Just as in yesterday's study, the beginning phrase, **and we know**, comes from a point of experience. It is not an empty hope of something to take place but based on the foundation of the past and certain work of the LORD in our lives. Secondly, the phrase, **and rely**, now puts the step of faith directly upon us. No one else can do this for you. Either you trust in Him, or you don't. There is no middle ground here. And the reason we can know and rely upon Him is because of His love that He has for us. This love is not superficial, but sacrificial. It gives and never expects. It is completely unconditional. This is the love of God.

And because we have experienced His love and because we trust in His love, we can now live with the purpose of sharing His love. **Whoever lives in love** is a picture of abiding consistently in His presence because love is Who God is. Now this brings the whole picture of the life of abiding in Him and the reason for it. We abide in Him because He is love and He has shared that love with us. We then choose to abide in Him so that we can be the conduit that allows His love to flow to others. This is a love that will never run dry. He will continue to give and give without an end to the flow of His love. **1 John 4:19** *We love because He first loved us.* (NIV)

Let this be our challenge today. Let us show His love to everyone we come in contact with. Love completely, with no strings attached. Give and it shall be given unto you.

**Dear LORD, we know and rely upon Your love today. Let Your love flow through us as we abide in You. Thank You LORD! In Jesus Name, Amen**