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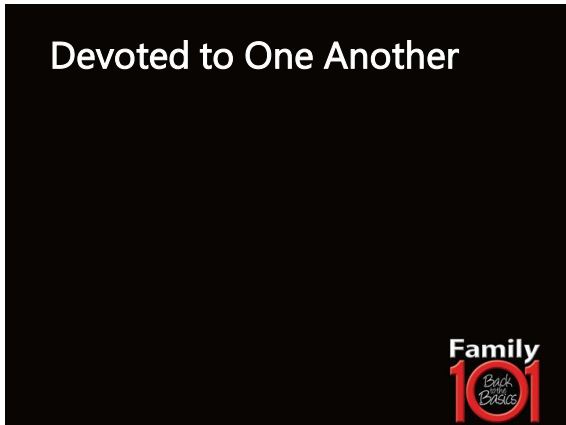
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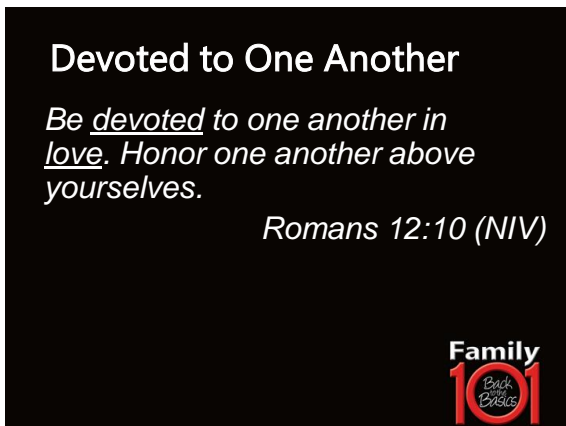
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## Devoted to One Another

*Devoted – Gr.*

*φιλόστοργος – Philostorgos*

*Meaning: Kindly affectionate, tenderly bound to,*



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## Devoted to One Another

*...In love – Gr.*

*Φιλαδέλφεια – Philadelphia*

*Meaning: Brotherly love, Family love,  
“Love as ones who came out of the same womb”*



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## Ruth 1

<sup>8</sup> Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back, each of you, to your mother’s home. May the LORD show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. <sup>9</sup> May the LORD grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband.”



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## Ruth 1

Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud <sup>10</sup> and said to her, "We will go back with you to your people."

<sup>11</sup> But Naomi said, "Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands?"

<sup>12</sup> Return home, my daughters;



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## Ruth 1

I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons— <sup>13</sup> would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the LORD's hand has turned against me!"



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## Ruth 1

<sup>14</sup> At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law good bye, but Ruth clung to her.

<sup>15</sup> "Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her." <sup>16</sup> But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you."



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## Ruth 1

Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. <sup>17</sup> Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me.” <sup>18</sup> When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.



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## Being Devoted to One Another

It begins with:

1. Decision



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## Joshua 24:15

“...choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”



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## Being Devoted to One Another

It begins with:

1. Decision
2. Determination



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## Galatians 6:9

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.



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## Being Devoted to One Another

It begins with:

1. Decision
2. Determination
3. Demonstration



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### 3 Things to Remember



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1. Devotion is a growth process.



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### 3 Things to Remember

1. Devotion is a growth process.
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### 3 Things to Remember

1. Devotion is a growth process.
2. Expressing emotions isn't easy for everyone.
3. Relationships are risky, but worth it.



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### So Where Do We Begin?



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### So Where Do We Begin?

1. Be Present.



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### So Where Do We Begin?

- 1. Be Present.
- 2. Be Attentive.



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### So Where Do We Begin?

- 1. Be Present.
- 2. Be Attentive.
- 3. Be Expressive.



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### Why?

*...because family is how  
God intends to win this battle.*

*And your family is worth  
fighting for.*



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