

The background is a photograph of a mountain valley, likely Yosemite, with steep cliffs and a valley floor. A large, semi-transparent circular graphic is overlaid on the image, centered behind the title text. The text "BRING DOWN THE WALLS" is written in a large, bold, black sans-serif font, centered within the circle.

BRING DOWN THE WALLS

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Intro

#Anchored truth – Psalm 46:1-3

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble..."

DEF: Help means to do for someone what he or she cannot do for himself or herself.

John 14.. AMPC And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, and Standby), that He may remain with you forever

Today

**GOD helps us to
truly LOVE**



primary need of people?

**Survive
Safe, Secure, Provided for**

Walls..



2. LET'S OPEN UP:

DO WE BELIEVE IN JESUS?

DO WE BELIEVE IN THE WORD OF GOD?

DO WE FOLLOW JESUS CHRIST?

DO WE LOVE?

THE WORD HELPS US:

Hebrews 4:11 Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall by following the same pattern of disobedience. **12**For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it pierces even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. **13**Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight; everything is uncovered and exposed before the eyes of **Him to whom we must give account.**

Scripture I LOVE

1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

Scripture I LOVE

Mark 12:29 Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Scripture I LOVE

1 John 4:12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

Scripture I LOVE

Luke 6:31 And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

Scripture I LOVE

1 Corinthians 13:4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. 7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.

Scripture I LOVE

Colossians 3:14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

**Jesus loves all of life's areas, so
should we**





**What is
hindering us?**

shofar
christian church

3.3 The 'WALLS' that keep us from loving:

3.1 Fear:

False evidence appearing real
Lies of the enemy
Anti-Christ, anti-love

3.2 Selfishness and comfort:

2 Timothy 3:1 But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. 2 For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, 4 treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. 6 For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions, 7 always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth.

3.2 Selfishness and comfort:

Philippians 2:3-4 ESV

Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

3.3 Walls of idolatry

If I adore, admire, have reverence for anything but God [Love], that will wall up my life and actions to not love properly..

Ex: Matthew 6:24 "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

3.4 Unresolved hurt:

Hurt people hurt.

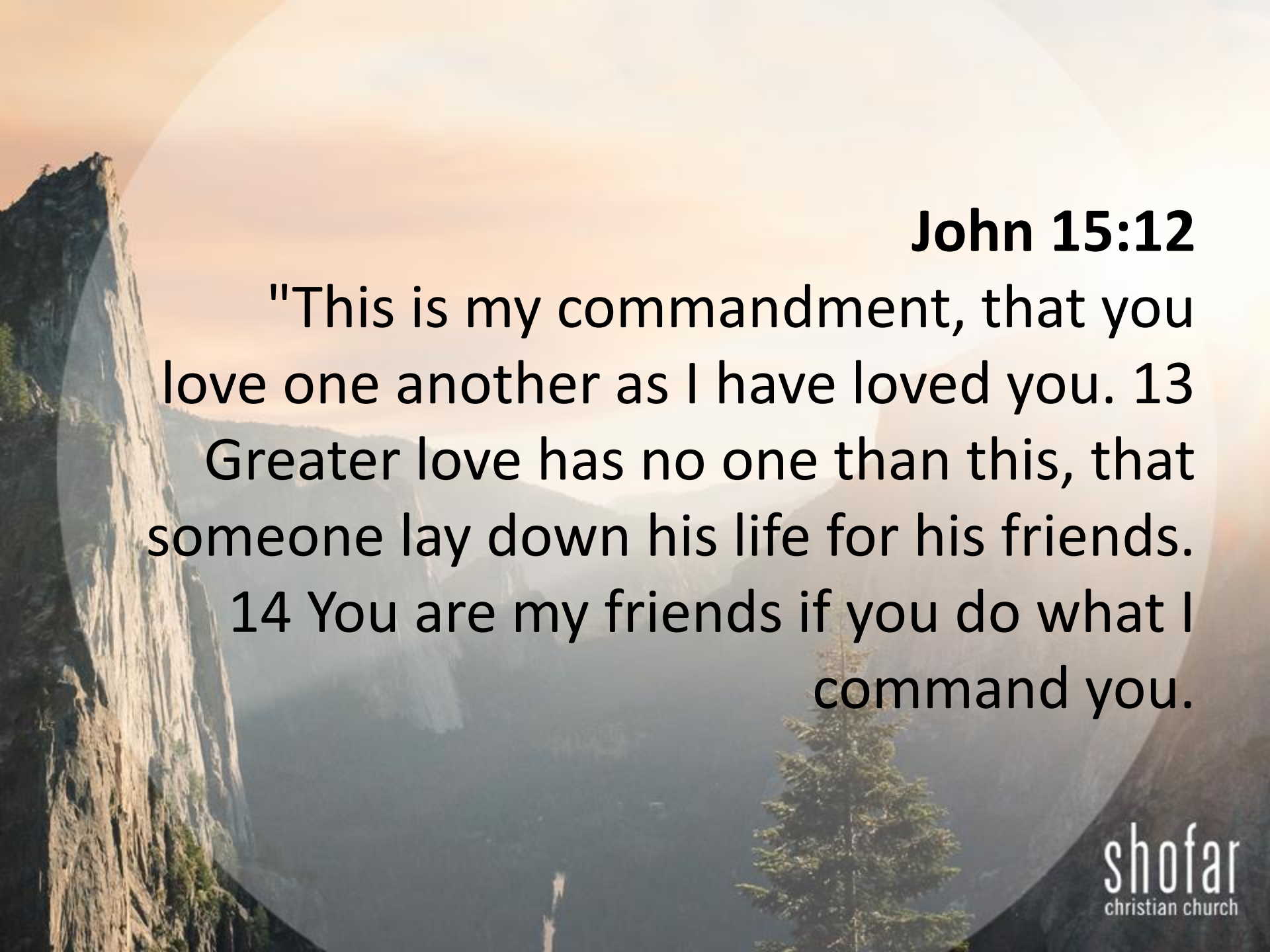
Hurt people inevitably struggles to LOVE
or receive LOVE

3.5 Busyness:

Priorities

Galatians 2:20

..and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.



John 15:12

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you.



**Let's lay down our 'walls' for
each other..**

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PRAYER