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DAY 3

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THE REALITY OF BOUNDARIES

Let us continue with yesterday's theme of love, a truth that is central to our faith, embodying our hope and guiding our actions. We know that God's love knows no limits, embracing each of us with infinite mercy and compassion. However, it is important to understand a deeply profound truth: while God's love is immensely generous, it also includes boundaries, which are essential for fostering true, authentic love.

Christopher West reminds us that "In our culture today, we often think love means a lack of boundaries, but true love is full of healthy boundaries." As Christians, this insight is vital. The boundaries set by God's commandments are not constraints but pathways to freedom. They guide us to live in harmony with His will, allowing us to experience the fullness of love and grace.

Consider how children thrive with boundaries. Loving parents establish limits not to restrict their children, but to protect and nurture them. A child who is told not to touch a hot stove is learning an important boundary that ensures their well-being. Similarly, God's commandments and teachings provide the structure we need to flourish spiritually and morally.

We see this in the Ten Commandments, which serve as a moral compass, guiding us away from sin and towards a deeper relationship with God and each other. These divine boundaries are expressions of His love, drawing us closer to Him and to our true selves, made in His image. They are not meant to limit our freedom but to steer us towards a life of genuine joy and fulfillment.

Yet, let us not confuse boundaries with limitations on God's love itself. His love is inexhaustible and extends beyond any human comprehension. When we stray, He awaits our return like the father of the prodigal son, eager to embrace us in forgiveness and renewal. His love reaches out to us at every moment, inviting us into closer communion.

Therefore, embracing authentic love means understanding the necessity of boundaries. As we recognize these divine guidelines, we find freedom in living according to God's design. Through prayer, reflection, and the discipline of boundaries, we can grow in our ability to love authentically.

G O I N G D E E P E R

Take an extra 15 minutes for prayer today. Begin by reading Deuteronomy 30:15-20. Read it once to familiarize yourself with the text. Then, read it a second time, slowing down to focus on the word or phrase that resonates with you. Read it a third time, again slowly, and see if the same word or phrase still speaks to you. Finally, ask yourself: "What is my attitude towards boundaries? What is my attitude toward God when He asks me to say 'no' when I really want permission to do whatever I would like?"