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# **NEW LIFE NEWS**

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### **Director's Corner**

BY DEBORAH RODENHIZER: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



In the book of 1 John Chapter 3 it says: 16- By this, we know love because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 17- But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. 19 And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him.

I am hearing this message from the Holy Spirit over and over again through various means. This is one reason the theme for our Walk For Life is "Love Compels Us". On a daily basis, we at New Life Family Outreach have many opportunities to show this love. To our clients, yes, but also to each other, to a delivery person, mail carrier, etc.

A long time ago, the Lord explained to me that I have to have the perspective that each and every day that I was alive, I had an opportunity to walk this scripture out. When you adjust your thinking in this way, you begin to see the enormous need for love in this world.



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The Bible also tells us that love should be our motivation for everything. "If I had and could do all of these things but have not to love, it is nothing". Paraphrasing brother Paul, but you catch the drift.

God looks at each heart. God gives each of us opportunities. Your motivation and what you do with it are of great importance to Him. Small things to huge things, the important thing is the heart condition behind it.

For those of you who have donated one pack of diapers, and did so out of love, you have as much impact as another who gave a huge monetary donation.

These clients are told about all of the people in our community who donate items and money because of the love they have in their hearts towards these women and children. Believe me, that is no small thing to them. Love is what draws people through the Holy Spirit to the Father through Jesus Christ.

May God bless each of you more than ever for each and every prayer offered on our behalf, each item donated, and each dollar that you have offered. May God use them all for His Glory and Purpose.





## 2022 Walk for Life: Love Compels Us

BY MELISSA MCBRYANT: DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



You know the adage, "Third times the charm"? This year we are hoping that we will have the best Walk for Life we have ever had. We have missed gathering together to see your faces and to Walk for Life!

Since we have not been able to hold our traditional Walk for Life for the past 2 years, we need your help and participation more than ever!

Love Compels us! We strongly feel that our communities are currently experiencing an increasing amount of division. When division is present, we must look toward a common goal or a common command. NLFO believes that the common goal should be love; recognizing that God's command to love is not a passive one.

We, as the church, are commanded to love actively. Often, we feel that our efforts are not effective or won't make a difference, so we choose to sit back and "Let God take care of it".

Our belief is that God needs and wants us to act in order for Him to work. Additionally, if we truly love people we should be compelled to love and protect the most innocent and vulnerable among us- the unborn.

To that end, we hope you will feel led to help us fulfill this command to love in our community through our Walk for Life. Through your active participation, we believe we can meet our goal of \$30,000 at our Walk for Life this year!

NLFO's 2022 Walk for Life will be held on May 14th from 11:00-1:00 at High Point Athletic Complex Track. This will be an excellent time for family and fellowship as we meet to raise funds and celebrate a common goal!

We are encouraging our participants to register online at:

https://www.newlifehighpoint.org/walk-forlife.html

Here you will be able to set up teams and a sharable page to assist you in fundraising virtually. There are step-by-step guides available on our website that will show you how to register and create teams.

If you need additional assistance, please feel free to email me at: mel.mcbryant@newlifehighpoint.org or call at 336.887.2232. One of the best ways to stay updated about our Walk for Life or other events is to follow us on Social Media. (See page 5)

There will be fundraising resources available at the center by March 28th including fundraising sheets and posters for your church or organization.

If you feel led to underwrite our Walk for Life this year, with t-shirt recognition and more, please contact me ASAP!

We are so excited to see what God will do this year at New Life Family Outreach with your generous support!



#### "It's in the Doing"

ADAPTED FROM TODAY DAILY DEVOTION ONLINE

"We love because He first loves us,"

1 John 4:19

John speaks directly to the heart of love as he writes, "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God." Loving is not an abstract, optional concept. It originates with God, and we pass along God's love in our relationships with others.

Lewis Smedes put it this way in his book Love Within Limits: "God's love song is in many ways like other great love songs. . . . Our challenge is to find ways to bring the heavenly rhapsody down into our own worldly realities." How true—and how difficult! Only one person, Jesus, lived out perfectly the demands of perfect love, and he was crucified.



Living with one another gets messy, and people can be so difficult! We live with family, friends, and neighbors who often seem determined to test even our desire to love. But God didn't command us to like one another. Jesus, after stating that the greatest commandment is "Love the Lord your God . . ." reminded everyone that the second is this: "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37-39).

That is not an optional command. Jesus also described it as a new command and gave the reason for us to obey it: "As I have loved you, so you must love one another" (John 13:34). Jesus expects us to obey his commands. And he promises he will help us.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, often we are difficult to love. Thank you for always loving us and being our example of patience and perseverance as we seek to love others in your name. Amen.

Vink, George (2017) Its in the doing: https://todaydevotional.com/devotions/its-in-the-doing



#### 2022 Walk for Life





#### **Urgent & Continued Needs:**

A group of committed volunteers to clean our center one Saturday a month.

5-50lb car seats.

Those willing to do: Diaper Drives & Baby Bottle Campaigns

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