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**2014: The Year of Receiving the Love of God, Walking by Faith,
Believing His Word, and Giving Him Praise!**

As I Love myself

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Matthew 22:34-40 (The Living Bible, TLB)

34-35 but not the Pharisees! When they heard that he had routed the Sadducees with his reply, they thought up a fresh question of their own to ask him. One of them, a lawyer, spoke up: 36 "Sir, which is the most important command in the laws of Moses?" 37 Jesus replied, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind.' 38-39 This is the first and greatest commandment. The second most important is similar: '**Love your neighbor as much as you love yourself.**' 40 All the other commandments and all the demands of the prophets stem from these two laws and are fulfilled if you obey them. Keep only these and you will find that you are obeying all the others."

Matthew 22:34-40 (New King James Version, NKJV)

34 But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. 35 Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, 36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" 37 Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like it: '**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**' 40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

- **Typically we love ourselves based on how we feel about ourselves.**
- **Our feelings are based in natural (storge), mental (philia), and physical (eros) love.**
- **We are designed to Love (agape) ourselves based on the value God gave to us; not the value yourself and others give.**
- **If we miss this point we make a frustrating attempt at trying to love God and people based on our version of love instead of God's expressed version...God's way gets results, our way breeds disappointment.**

James 1:22-25 (New Living Translation, NLT)

22 But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. 23 For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. 24 You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. 25 But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.