

SERIES: *Go In Love, Be A Light*
TITLE: *The Sound of the Guns*
SPEAKER: *Pastor Kip McCormick*
PASSAGE: *1 John 3:11-18*
DATES: *March 5-6, 2022*

MESSAGE TAKEAWAY

- True love demands sacrifice.
 - Love with actions and in truth.
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- READ 1 John 3:11-18
 - The word "love" in English covers a range of meanings. What is the meaning you think of most when you hear or use the word?
 - The Greek use several words to denote the levels and meanings for our word "love." The greatest, strongest and deepest kind is called "Agape." Some of the definitions include words like: selfless, sacrificial, unconditional, and unrelenting actions done for someone else. What comes to mind when you hear that? What is your experience with receiving and giving agape love?
 - Have you experienced a time when you wanted to return evil for evil, but then realized love was a better option?
 - Read 1 John 3:11-12 and Genesis 4:2-8. What were Cain's self issues (sins) that he was unwilling to master, and that led to him murdering his brother?
 - Read the Gospel of John 13:34-35, John 15:18-19, and then 1 John 3:13-14. How have you experienced the two types of spiritual people that Pastor Kip mentioned as the lovers and the haters?
 - Why do you suppose Kip argues that the first battle with evil begins in our hearts?
 - The title of this sermon is "The Sound of the Guns." What do you remember about God calling us to go to "the sound of the guns" from Kip's illustrations? (See 1 John 3:16.) What does it look like to "lay our life down for our brothers?"
 - Read 1 John 3:17-18. What can you do to make sure your possessions, words and actions are showing love and compassion to someone in need?
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NEXT STEPS

- Please continue to pray for Ukraine.
- CHALLENGE: One person. One need. One act.