

Love Wins

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✓ _____ of the _____

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✓ **Fear of** _____

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(John 15:12 NLT) "This is my commandment: Love each other **in the same way I have loved you.**"

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2. Repent for _____ and judgementalism that has kept us from loving _____.

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- ✓ **PAIN of the PAST**
- ✓ **SINFULNESS = NEEDFULNESS**
- ✓ **Fear of OPINIONS**

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