

## Accompanying Bible Verses to “How Big is Your Love” Talk – Gill Stott – 14.02.21

- **Deuteronomy 6 v 5** – “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, mind and strength”
- Peter’s declarations of love and loyalty to Jesus: **Matthew 8 v 19**
  - **Mark 14 v 29**
  - **Matthew 26 v 35**
- Peter’s demonstrations of love: **Matt 16 v 22** **John 13 v 8** **John 18: 10/11**
- John – one of the “Sons of Thunder”: **Mark 3 v 17**

- **KEY VERSE about knowing and BELIEVING God’s love : 1 John 4 v 16 :**

“ So we have come to know and believe the love that God has for us. God is love and whoever abides in love abides in God and God abides in Him.

- Peter eventually could say: **(John 21 v 15-17 following)** “Yes Lord, You know that I love you” and be told to “Feed my sheep” by Jesus
- Jesus is the only One who can say “I will never leave you or forsake you” **Hebrews 13 v 5**
- John shows us the Divine Order of Love – it is ALWAYS God who initiates and loves us first:
- **1 John 4 v 19** : “We loved because He first loved us”
- **John reveals the true nature of love as this:**  
“This is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us and gave His son to be the propitiation/atoning sacrifice for our sins” **1 John 4 v 10**
- The new commandment given by Jesus: **John 13:34**  
“A new commandment I give you – Love one another, as I have loved you”