



## The Way of the Cross

Let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

1 John 4:7-8



## DEVOTION:

As human beings, we find it difficult to confess our sins or to forgive others. We are obsessed with the idea of success and this leads us to create a life that seems devoid of any flaws or weaknesses. This stems from our human desire for power and control.

We need to learn to let go of our obsession with power.

Henri]. Nouwen emphasizes that it does not mean we should be spineless people who are passive victims of manipulation, allowing everyone else to make decisions for us. No, it means that we must choose to abandon power repeatedly in favor of love, and be led by the love of Jesus.

Every person who has met God in Jesus Christ has seen love in action. Every person who knows God can choose only to love (V. 1). Love is the way of the cross; it brings life and reconciliation (see 1 John 4:9-10). Whoever chooses power, chooses against love. And whoever chooses against love, does not know God (v. 8).