

From the Pastor

Showing Love

I like listening to old stuff. As I write this, I am listening to a Sirius XM channel that is only playing music of the 1940s. I love it! I also like old war movies; one of my favorite is *Sergeant York* starring Gary Cooper. (Many of you may wonder who Gary Cooper was.) This is a story that takes place mostly in World War I. I also like Ken Burn's documentary called *War*, which is about World War II.

One of the reasons I like all of these is because it was a time when people showed a deep love for those who were being terrorized by cruel dictators. How can war show love? Consider what is said about love in I John 3:16.

> By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. (1 John 3:16 ESV)

Our country had a host of men and women who laid down their lives for their country and for their fellow men and women. They showed love for their country by their willingness to sacrifice to the point of death.

Jesus loved you and me deeply. He showed it by going to the cross to die for us. That is love!

If someone truly loves you, he or she will show it. Do you love those around you? How do they know it?

In Him and for His glory,

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