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John 15:9-14

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I. The Model of Love

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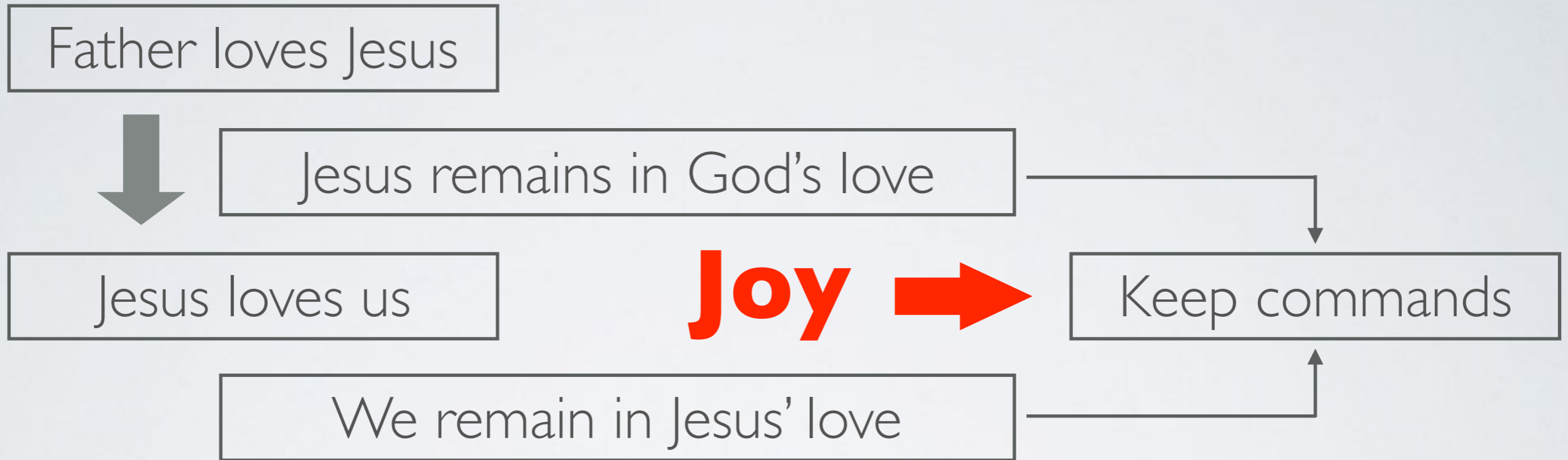
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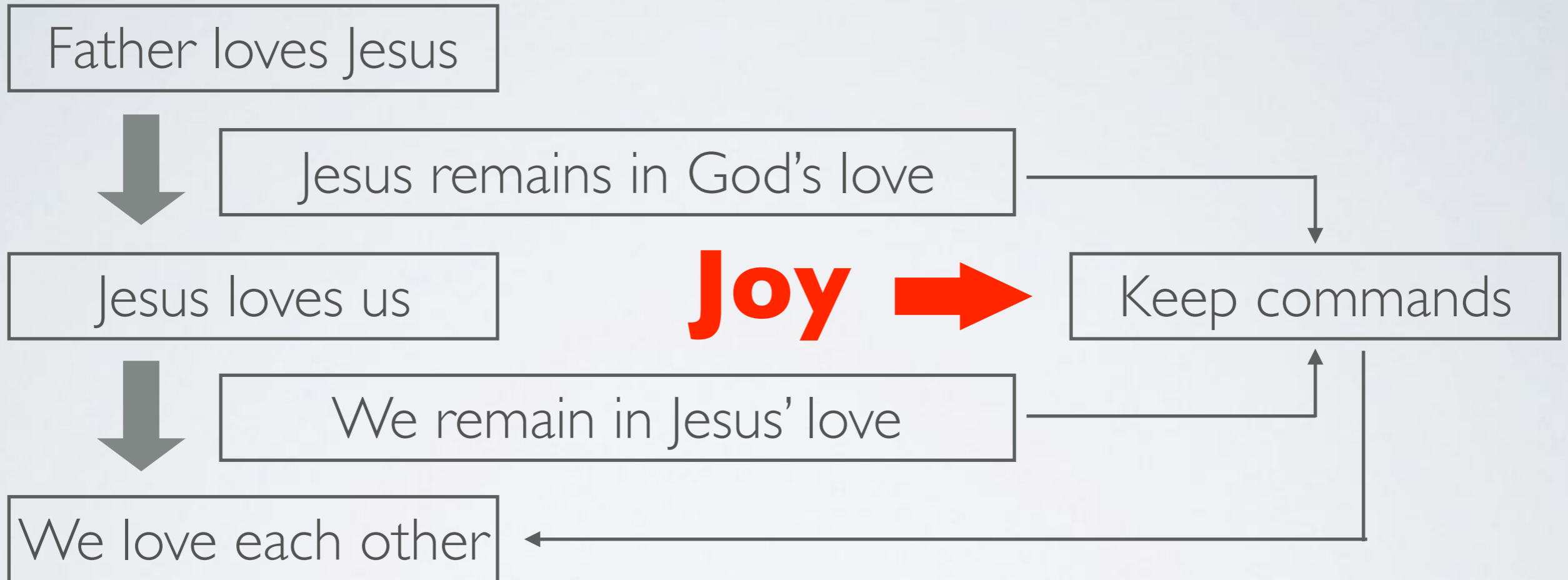
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This is how we know what love is:

Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.

And we ought to lay down our lives for our
brothers and sisters

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What is the relationship between

COMMANDS

and

LOVE?

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Does Jesus want to control us or love us?

Why give us you love us
and then give us conditions?

Isn't the love of God unconditional?

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How did Jesus love?

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How did Jesus love?

Jesus loves the Father

So He obeys Him

So He loves us

Jesus loves us

So He lays down His life for us

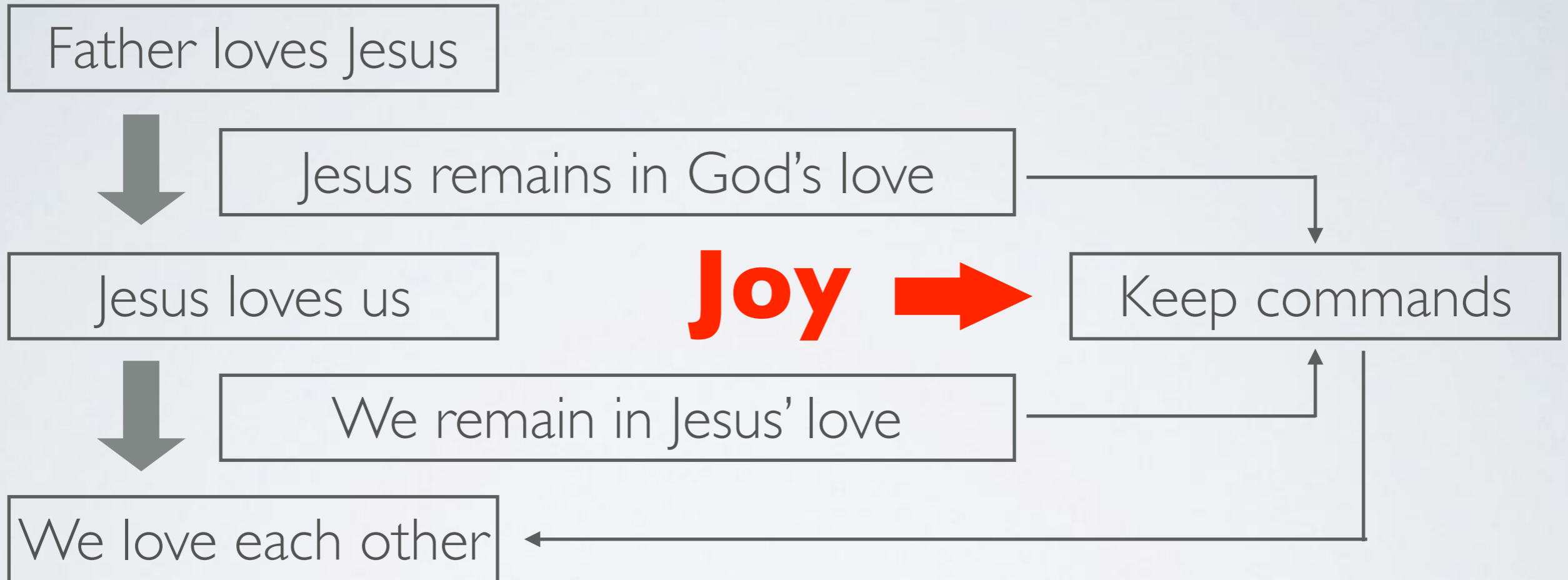
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IF we love Jesus,
we obey Him

IF we obey Jesus,
we will love others

IF we love others,
we lay down our lives for them

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The great challenge for us is
that we want others to obey us

If they do, then we don't need to *love* them

The flip side of love is the desire to control

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The opposite is Jesus' love

We lack love

We want to control others

We expect them to change

We cut relationship when they don't change

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Self to others

Obey God, lay down lives for others

Others to self

If they love us,
they will do what we hold most dear to us

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THE CRUX OF EVERYTHING

The test of our love for God is our willingness to obey His command for us to love others.

The evidence of our love for God is the love we have for others.

The engine of love is Joy.

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3. The Way to Love

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1. Have we lost our connection to God?
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1. Have we lost our connection to God?
2. Have we lost the JOY of obedience?
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1. Have we lost our connection to God?
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3. Do we need to learn how to lay down our lives?

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1. Remain in God's love
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1. Remain in God's love
2. Receive new Joy for the journey
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1. Remain in God's love
2. Receive new Joy for the journey
3. Respond as a living sacrifice