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Peter mixes three ingredients together:

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1 John 4

7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

19 We love because he first loved us.

1 John 4:20 Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. 21 And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

1 Thessalonians 4:9 Now about brotherly love, you do not need anyone to write to you, because you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another.

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- 3. Be devoted to one another in love.
- 4. Honor one another above yourselves.
- 5. Never be lacking in zeal,
- 6. but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.
- 7. Be joyful in hope,
- 8. patient in affliction,

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- 9. faithful in prayer.
- 10. Share with the Lord's people who are in need.
- 11. Practice hospitality.
- 12. Bless those who persecute you;
- 13. bless and do not curse.
- 14. Rejoice with those who rejoice;
- 15. mourn with those who mourn.
- 16. Live in harmony with one another.

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- 17. Do not be proud,
- 18. but be willing to associate with people of low position.
- 19. Do not be conceited.
- 20. Do not repay anyone evil for evil.
- 21. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone.
- 22. If it is possible on your part, live at peace with everyone.
- 23. Do not take revenge, my dear friends,
- 24. but leave room for God's wrath

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Luke 22:44 And in His anguish, He prayed more <u>earnestly</u>, and His sweat became like drops of blood falling to the ground.

Acts 12:5 So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was <u>fervently</u> praying to God for him.

1 Peter 4: 7 The end of all things is near. Therefore be self-controlled and soberminded for the sake of your prayers. 8 Above all, love one another <u>deeply</u>, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

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