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**v.23-25—**God’s love thru the low points, battles, and provisions…

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**Liturgy around God’s Love**

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* Love belongs to God (1Jn.4:19)…
* God defines love too…

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