

# OUTSIDE OF THE BOX



WHAT IT MEANS TO FOLLOW JESUS

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# John 17 in review.....

## *As a surrendered follower of the glorious Christ...*

- The relationships within the Godhead...the Trinity...(3 who's and 1 what) are defined by their love for one another.
- The relationship between God and His people is also defined by His love for us and our responsive love for Him.

### *Therefore...*

- The relationship between believers is supposed to be defined by the same sort of love that exists in the Godhead and is extended to His followers.





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## ***spoudazó***

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**Definition:** to make haste, to give diligence

**Usage:** I hasten, I am eager, I am zealous.

...be swift (go fast, be *speedy*);

(figuratively) to move speedily by showing *full diligence* (fully applying oneself);

acting *fervently* (*speedy* commitment) to accomplish all that God assigns through faith

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