



Part 7: Love Defined (B)

THE POWER OF LOVE

1. Love is ignited by knowing God.
2. Love is perfected in adversity.
3. Love is _____ by intentional and unconditional acts of kindness.

Romans 5:6-8 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

THE TRUTH ABOUT LOVE

John 13:34-35 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."
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1 John 4:7-9 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. 9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

Romans 13:8 Pay all your debts, except love, never stop paying on that one. (MSG)

1. One of the greatest breakdowns in the American family is the _____ that we love each other.
2. Love is _____ for someone else's good!
3. We love in _____ (the giving side of love).
4. We love in _____ (the receiving side of love).

THE COMMUNICATION OF LOVE

FIVE LOVE LANGUAGES

1 John 3:18 “Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.”

1. _____ of Affirmation
 - a. Words of praise and affection.
 - b. Encouraging words that build you up and make you feel good.
 - c. Proverbs 18:21 The tongue has the power of life and death.
2. Quality _____
 - a. Undivided attention.
 - b. Togetherness: spending time together.
 - c. Meaningful conversation. Dialogue where you are sharing thoughts and feelings.
3. Receiving _____.
 - a. A visible, tangible symbol of love that is purchased, found, or made and comes in all sizes, shapes and colors.
 - b. A true gift is undeserved.
4. Acts of _____.
 - a. Jesus said, “I did not come to be served, but to serve.” (Matthew 20:28)
 - b. Doing things to please.
 - c. Always wanting to help or assist.
5. Physical _____.
 - a. A physical expression of love through touch.
 - b. A back rub, holding hands, a hug, a back scratch, etc.
 - c. Not necessarily an intimate physical touch.

How God Says, “I Love You”

Psalms 107:43 “Whoever is wise, let him heed these things and consider the great love of the LORD.”

1. God _____ in you.

- Words of encouragement
- God sees potential in you

Hebrews 12:1 “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.”

2. God came to _____ you.

- Acts of service

Mark 10:45 “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

3. God gave the greatest _____ for you.

- God loves to give gifts - John 3:16

1 John 4:9 “This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.”

4. God desires _____ with you.

Exodus 34:14 “Do not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.”

James 4:8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. Draw close to God

5. God wants to _____ your life.

Mark 10:16 “And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.”