

LOVE WILL FIND A WAY

Bring it on.

MONDAY

Be ...

patient

So, here's the story ...

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love endures long and is patient and kind; love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy, is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily. It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) and does not act unbecomingly. Love (God's love in us) does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful. It takes no account of the evil done to it (it pays no attention to a suffered wrong). It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail. Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything (without weakening). Love never fails (never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end).

But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Read the story for yourself in 1 Cor. 13:1-13

Groovy, it's

TUESDAY

A.M.

Noon

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Halfway there
WEDNESDAY

A.M.

Noon

P.M.

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You wanna be ...

valuable
of great worth;
treasured; precious;
costly; prized;

or

disposable
expendable; replaceable;
cheap; nonessential;
trivial; unnecessary

‘But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.’

— **Matt. 5:44-45**

Throw your hands up
THURSDAY

A.M.

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Make a difference ...

Step up:

Think of someone you do not like or get along with at all. Pray for that person all week. Ask God for His will to be done in his or her life. (Be kind. Be sincere.)

Take it up a notch:

Every time you pray, add someone to your prayers that you normally wouldn't.

Take it to God

Ask God to create and alert you to opportunities where you can show someone you care. Make a special effort to listen for His voice during the day. He will spark things in your mind to do or say to someone who could really use some encouragement.

Poll your friends ...

Do you treat others as well as you take care of yourself?

Yes

No

Jesus did lots of miracles while He was on the earth. Read about one of them here:

Matthew 20:30-34

FRIDAY

Finale

Some things are just worth repeating over



WEEKEND

WoodHoo!

A.M.

Yes, it was in this week's story, but the explanation of what love is is something you'll want to go back over. Remember it.

and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

"Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable,

(1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

Sat.

NOON

Did you know?

Love can come in all shapes and sizes. You know what I love? I love to read. But I want to be able to comprehend what I'm reading. With as much time as I have spent in the Bible over the years, there are several translations that I've grown to like more than others. Maybe by now you are noticing some differences in wording or maybe the Bible you've got is a little harder to understand. If you have a phone, there are Bible apps you can download free and you can switch up the translation to one that is easier to read. The Amplified Bible is helpful for explaining the meaning behind unfamiliar words or terms. A lot of people like the New Living Translation (NLT) or the English Standard Version (ESV), for their readability. I stick with the New King James, which can be a little hard to wade through sometimes, but it's what I grew up with and what I'm used to. I like it. But I use others, too. If I want to be sure I understand what a verse means, I like to look at it side-by-side with several translations. It can be a great help. I also use a Bible dictionary, a concordance, some commentaries and history books. (I know, I'm a research junkie, it's fun for me.) All joking aside, the better you understand it, the more His message makes sense. God will also help you understand, and He will speak to you through His words.

P.M.

SUN.

EVE

So, let's wrap it up



Vicky's
view

God's description of what love is in the Apostle Paul's letter to the church in Corinth (in Greece) is one you would be wise to read over and over — and over again. There is just so much there to try to wrap your brain around.

God gives a very clear and specific definition of love — one that cannot be confused or thought unclear.

It reminds me of one of those checklists airplane pilots go through each time they get ready to fly.

Before you can do a single thing, all the items must be checked and accounted for.

The same goes for this passage about love.

You may figure you are a loving person if you give nice gifts to your friends and family. You may think you've got the art of love down if you say, "I love you."

Maybe you think love

means daydreaming about a cute guy.

Have you ever considered the fact that love also means a whole lot more?

Other qualities of love are just as important, like being patient when your little brother wrecks your room, or not reacting rudely when you get knocked down by a kid at the skating rink.

What about being selfless? Now, that one can be a real challenge when you want something really bad, worked long and hard to finally get it, and then God tells you to give it away to someone who has nothing. It happens, believe me.

Love is not just glittery hearts; warm, gushy feelings; and hot dates.

Sometimes love is looking a friend calmly in the eye and letting them know they cannot be around you anymore if they continue to abuse you emotionally.

Love may also mean refusing to hang in certain circles of friends who are constantly pressuring you to do things that aren't right.

It can also be love that saves a friend's life if you have to tell an adult the friend is using drugs.

These seem awfully harsh but, in reality, acts of discipline are also love.

You know what I mean? Like getting your phone taken away because you won't do the chores? (You must learn responsibility and keeping promises.)

It's meant to address harmful behavior that could cause worse issues later.

When there are no consequences for bad behavior, there is no reason whatsoever for the person to change his or her ways. It may take losing a friend (maybe even for a short time) to help them reset and

straighten up.

These love lessons need to be learned early on.

The more prepared you are for reality, the better.

Your parents know that.

It's a hard day to face when you have to go out and get your first job — only to get fired two days later because you went in when you felt like it instead of when your shift started. Most of the time life isn't going to bombard you with squishy heart pillows and red roses to hold up to your sniffer.

It's going to mean skinned elbows and bruises of a different kind. The kind only Jesus can comfort.

Oh, and just so you know, pizza and chocolate milk don't magically replenish themselves. (That stuff comes out of your "fun" budget when you're old.)

Ponder this:

How many times have you made someone (not your best friend or family) feel loved this week?

Time to take charge of your life:

(Fill in the blank ...)

has been bugging me lately, bringing me down. What can I do to change that? Do I need help from someone else? Who?

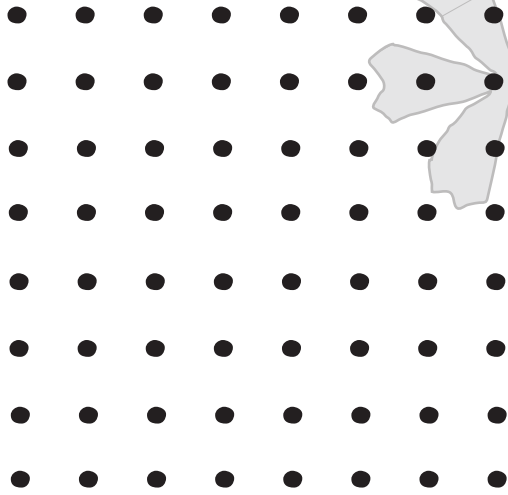
Something good that happened this week was:

Let's read:

1 Cor. 13

Claiming the promised land

To play, connect two adjacent (next to each other) dots. Take turns with your opponent. If you complete a square, you get another turn. The one with the most squares at the end of the game wins.



Matthew 7:7

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HOSEA
GOMER
ISRAEL
LOVE
HARLOTRY
WIFE

HEED
LO-RUHAMA
LO-AMMI
JUDAH
GOD
SIN

MERCY
RETURN
RESTORATION
COMFORT
BETROTH
FAITHFULNESS

You are ...

wondrous

Doodle Box



Wandering the wilderness

Make your way along the words to make a sentence. Your journey will form one single path. You can only go north, south, east, or west and the path must never cross over itself. Start at the northwest corner and finish at the southeast corner.



W H O T D Y
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E R Y T A U
N E R T H T
T W O H I T

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