

WHEN LOVE IS HARD

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WORSHIP

Joy, Shout His Holy Name,
For Who You Are, Mighty
to Save, Reliably True

WELCOME

Have you ever been wrong about your first impression of somebody? How did you find out that you were mistaken about that person?

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives.

II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of public servants; repentance and salvation for government leaders and citizens for a Christ-centered Philippines.
- God's provision for families deeply affected by inflation.
- War in Ukraine to end, loss of lives prevented; escalating tension in East Asian countries to stop.

III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples.
- Elders, pastors, deacons, and families (holy, humble, harmonious, happy, heart-working).
- Ministries and churches expansion worldwide.

IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God.
- Righteous living.
- Salvation of family and friends.

WORD

READ IT!

ROMANS 14:13-19

¹³ Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather determine this—not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother's way. ¹⁴ I know and am convinced in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but to him who thinks anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean. ¹⁵ For if because of food your brother is hurt, you are no longer walking according to love. Do not destroy with your food him for whom Christ died. ¹⁶ Therefore do not let what is for you a good thing be spoken of as evil; ¹⁷ for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸ For he who in this way serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. ¹⁹ So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another.

PARAPHRASE IT!

Restate the verses in your own words.

TALK ABOUT IT!

- What did you like about these verses?
- What did you learn about God?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about judging and about loving one another?
- What did you learn about following Jesus?

POINT IT OUT!

INTRO (Romans 12:1-2, John 13:34-35, John 17:20-21)

1. ACCEPT

(Romans 14:1-2, Exodus 20:8-10, Colossians 2:16-17)

2. ABSTAIN FROM JUDGING

(Romans 14:4-12, Philippians 1:6, Jude 24, Proverbs 18:17, 1 Corinthians 4:5)

3. AVOID BECOMING A STUMBLING BLOCK

(Romans 14:13-19, 1 Corinthians 8:13, Matthew 18:6)

WORKS

APPLY IT!

Based on this lesson on “When Love is Hard”, write down your action point to apply what you learned. Make it your “I will...” statement and follow the S.M.A.R.T. guideline to come up with a do-able action point.

Simple

Measurable

Appropriate

Realistic

Time-bound

“I will _____
_____”

SHARE IT!

Who will you share these truths to this week?

PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION

Pray for “challenging” people outside the family of God to experience the kind of love that gives Biblical acceptance when they “mess up”. Go out of your way to show that you care, even if you may not agree with their lifestyle choices. Share the gospel with them and let the power of Christ transform them into His image in His time.

MEMORY VERSE

ROMANS 14:17

For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.