

# Love Rediscovered: Love by Action

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LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

1 Corinthians 13, one of the most famous chapters in the Bible, gives the greatest description of LOVE (vv. 4-7) with 15 verbs to describe it. It begins with Paul making a very important point (vv. 1-2): even if we have the gift of tongues, prophecy, knowledge, and faith, but we do not have LOVE, we “are nothing.” Even if we are generous givers, willing to sacrifice ourselves as martyrs, but do not have love, there is no profit in that (v. 3). When we think of Christ, the Greatest Person and Lover of all time, He exhibited a different level of love. We must grow into Christlikeness and love others according to His example. As David Jeremiah said, “Love is worthless unless it’s expressed in deed and behavior.”

## What love is...

**Love is PATIENT and KIND (1 Corinthians 13:4).** “Patient” in Greek is *makrothumeo* – long-suffering. People long to love and be loved, but the hurdle is our own imperfections. God’s amazing love is that He chose to love us despite our imperfections. We must be patient with others if we want to love. “Kind” in Greek is *chresteuomai*. Christians were once called *chrestinai* – a combined word describing one who is full of kindness and grace (Romans 2:4). Are we patient and kind to others even in challenging situations and when interacting with frustrating people?

## What love is not...

**Love is not JEALOUS (Gk. zeloo) (1 Corinthians 13:4).** This is different from jealousy that protects (God is a jealous God, meaning protective ownership). When others are blessed, be happy and rejoice with those who rejoice. Let us not be covetous.

**Love does not BRAG (Gk. perperuomai).** We often mistakenly take credit for things that happen to us and even brag about it (culture sometimes calls it “humble bragging”). **Love is also not ARROGANT (Gk. phusioo).** Arrogance is something we must all avoid. Deuteronomy 8:14-18 reminds us that God is the one who gives us power, and the ability to make wealth, so all credit belongs to God!

**Love does not ACT UNBECOMINGLY (Gk. aschemoneo) (1 Corinthians 13:5).** We should not be rude nor

act in a way that doesn’t reflect Jesus. **Love does not SEEK ITS OWN (Gk. zeteo)** insisting its own way with selfishness.

**Love is not PROVOKED (Gk. paroxuno),** or quickly irritated. Instead, love empowers us to withhold our words first and avoid being reactive.

**Love does not TAKE INTO ACCOUNT (Gk. logizomai)** a wrong suffered, not counting mistakes and keeping records of wrongs; instead keeping good relationships. God is after our character and allows challenges to make us better Christians. God will vindicate us from these challenges someday, but until then, let us not allow these to destroy our testimonies.

**Love does not REJOICE IN UNRIGHTEOUSNESS but instead rejoices in the truth (1 Corinthians 13:6).** Proverbs 24:17 tells us not to rejoice when our enemies have problems. Love covers a multitude of sins (1 Peter 4:8) – there is forgiveness and grace, but we must stick to what is right in the sight of God.

All of these are made possible through the transformative power of the Holy Spirit as outlined in Galatians 5:22-23. This passage refers to the “fruit of the Spirit,” which is not just a collection of separate traits but a combination of all these good qualities working together in us. All these qualities are possible because of the power of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). It’s important to know that we can’t develop these qualities on our own. We need God’s help, and when we let Him work in us, Christ’s character shines through us.

Finally, Paul also expressed what love should always do and what we should always strive to do: **Love BEARS (Gk. stego), BELIEVES (Gk. pisteuo), HOPES (Gk. elpizo), and ENDURES (Gk. hupomeno) ALL THINGS.** We must believe people can change by the power of God! He who began a good work in us will be faithful to COMPLETE it (Philippians 1:6). **True love NEVER FAILS (Gk. pipto).** God never fails – so we follow what Jesus commanded – to do unto others what we want to be done to us. It’s about living a life that reflects the brand of love that Christ taught us and putting this love into ACTION.

## Last Week's Memory Verse

Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7

## Discuss This Message

How different is your understanding of what love is as compared to how 1 Corinthians 13 describes it?

What do you need to improve on based on 1 Corinthians 13? Which actions or verbs are you doing right now, and which ones do you find difficult to apply?

What practical steps can you take to apply what true love is?

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# Have you experienced God's unconditional love?

Let's talk about it at the Welcome Center!

## step into the community

Fellowship and learn together with people like you!

### WOMEN2WOMEN

ALL WOMEN

#### Become a Transformed Woman Session 3: Reveal the Need to Run with Endurance

with Earl Beja Paolo

February 29, Thursday, 10:00 AM, MPH

ALSO STREAMED LIVE ONLINE

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### B1G MINISTRY

SINGLES

#### Seasons of Love

March 1, Friday, 7:30 PM, MPH

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### NXTGEN

KIDS FROM 4-12 YEARS OLD

#### Love Detectives

Sundays, 9:00 AM, 12:00 NN, 3:00 PM

ONSITE: G/F CCF Center for ages 4-12

LIVESTREAM: YouTube & Facebook

(ccfnxtgen) for ages 4 to 12

ZOOM: for ages 7-12, message us to sign-up

Reach us via [facebook.com/ccfnxtgen](https://www.facebook.com/ccfnxtgen)

### WOMEN LIVING FREE

COUNSELING AND SUPPORT GROUPS FOR WOMEN SEEKING ANSWERS ABOUT GENDER IDENTITY

#### God's Design for Women

March 6, Wednesday, 7:00 PM on Zoom

contact (0917) 545 9219 or

(0921) 547 9381 for details

## learn more about our faith

Continue to be equipped in your discipleship journey.

### Join GLC's NEW Training Cycle this 2024!

#### GLC Level 1 — Face-to-Face

March 3, 2024, Sunday

at 10:30 AM, Room 2A

- Book 1: One-by-One

March 3, 2024, Sunday

at 1:30 PM, Room 2A

- Book 2: Spiritual Disciplines

#### GLC Level 1 — Zoom

March 6, 2024, Wednesday at 7:30 PM

- Book 1: One-by-One

- Book 2: Spiritual Disciplines

#### GLC Level 2 — Face-to-Face

February 25, 2024, Sunday

at 1:00 PM, Room 3A

- GLC 2 Orientation

#### GLC Level 2 — Zoom

February 29, 2024, Thursday at 7:30 PM

- GLC 2 Orientation

#### GLC Level 3 Lead — Face-to-Face

February 25, 2024, Sunday at 1:00 PM,

Room 4A

- GLC 3 Orientation

#### GLC Level 3 Lead — Zoom

February 29, 2024, Thursday at 7:30 PM

- GLC 3 Orientation

Register here: [bit.ly/GLCTraining2024](https://bit.ly/GLCTraining2024)

## join and participate

Come together with the community to learn and grow, or to retreat and recharge!

### A Beautiful Exchange Retreat

OPEN TO ALL WOMEN AGES 21 AND UP

March 15 - 17

Mt. Makiling Recreation Center

REGISTRATION FEE: PHP4,950



Contact (0945) 276 7074 or

[abetreat@gmail.com](mailto:abetreat@gmail.com) for

more details

YOU BEING HERE IS NO ACCIDENT!

## God brought you here for His purpose.

### God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness** to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments – Deuteronomy 7:9*

### God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

*Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. – Romans 3:23*

### God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. – Romans 5:8*

*I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. – John 14:6*

### God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. – John 3:16*

*For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9*

### Would you like to place your faith in Jesus Christ today?

Lord Jesus, I need You. I confess that I am a sinner. I believe that You died on the cross to pay for all my sins. With Your help, I will turn away from my sins. Please come into my life and be my Savior and my Master. I accept Your gift of eternal life. Make me the kind of new person You want me to be. Thank You for giving me eternal life. Amen.

### God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

*And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. — 1 John 5:11-13*



## services at the CCF Center

### saturday nights

5:00 PM

### sundays

9:00 AM, 12:00 NN,  
and 3:00 PM

### online livestream

 ccf.org.ph  ccfmain  ccfmainTV

9:00 AM, 12:00 NN, 3:00 PM, 6:00 PM

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