

# Love is Passionate

The world defines passion as something that's emotional and driven by sensual desire or attraction, but the real core of passion is "suffering, enduring, and fulfilling a calling". We see this passionate love in the life of Jesus.

## Jesus Pursues Us

(JOHN 12:12-15, 27-33,41-43; JOHN 15:15-16)

The triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem was narrated by all four gospel writers. He was determined, purposeful, and intentional to go to this city despite how the people receive Him with mixed reactions. Some of them thought He would be a political Messiah, the one to set them free from the Roman empire. However, Jesus came into Jerusalem not on a mighty horse, stallion, or chariot — He came in humbly on a donkey, a lowly beast unfitting for a king. In fact, Jesus wept while entering Jerusalem because He knew how the rest of the people would respond to Him. Some of the people who shouted "Hosanna!" would be shouting "Crucify him!" in a few days.

Jesus pursues and longs for us. He wants to be in a relationship with us. He has come and offered friendship with us (John 15:15-16). Not only are we chosen and pursued by God despite of our nature, but we are also invited into a loving friendship with Him! He wants to make you His friend, close companion, and trusted one, and He wants to journey with you. Do we respond willingly, reject, or become fearful when we realize that Jesus pursues us?

## Jesus Proclaims Truth

(LUKE 19:45-48; JOHN 15:14-15; JOHN 14:16-17, 25-27)

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, His first stop was the temple. He saw that there were many people selling various animals for the pilgrimage. The temple where God would meet His people and where people would come in and encounter God had been made into a place of business and money-making. Jesus drove out the merchants and cleansed out the temple, proclaiming the truth (Luke 19:45-46). Jesus upholds the truth of God in our lives over other pursuits, things

that preoccupy us, and things we think satisfy us. Whatever truth the Father revealed to Jesus, He also makes known to us (John 15:14-15). That is how we know that we are passionately loved by Jesus.

When we passionately heed God's word, it turns our lives around and changes us forever! Rediscover your passion for the Word of God. Cultivate a lifestyle of prayer and reading His Word, and let it transform you. Not only do we have the truth of God's Word, but we also have the Holy Spirit (John 14:16-17). The Holy Spirit helps us, and renews our minds and hearts (John 14:25-27).

## Jesus Personifies Love

(JOHN 13:1,4-5,12-15,17; JOHN 15:16-17; LUKE 22:41-42; LUKE 23:33-34,39-43; MARK 15:33-34; LUKE 23:46)

Jesus loved His disciples to the end. In His love, He washed their feet, an act usually reserved for the lowest of slaves. After having the Passover meal with them and washing their feet, He found himself in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus wept over what was to come but knew His purpose and prayed that God's will be done (Luke 22:41-42).

The worst then followed: Jesus, the Son of God sent to save us, was crucified for our sake. He was crucified between two criminals, and as He hung on the cross, He still prayed for mercy upon the people (Luke 23:33-34). Jesus personified love in His ultimate sacrifice on the Cross — and we need only to believe in Him to join Him in paradise (Luke 23:39-43). This is the greatest love we could ever experience.

The true shape of love is not a heart. It is the cross where God showed His love for us. The Father turned His face from the Son, and in this moment, Jesus paid for all our sins through His passion and by His death (Mark 15:33-34). This is the true example of His passionate love for us: a love that endures, suffers, and fulfills its calling and purpose — a story that does not end on the cross, but ultimately begins with His resurrection.

## Last Week's Memory Verse

Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

JOHN 15:13

## Discuss This Message

What are you pursuing today? How have you responded to Jesus' pursuit of you?

Who can I share God's truth to this week and what steps will I take to follow through?

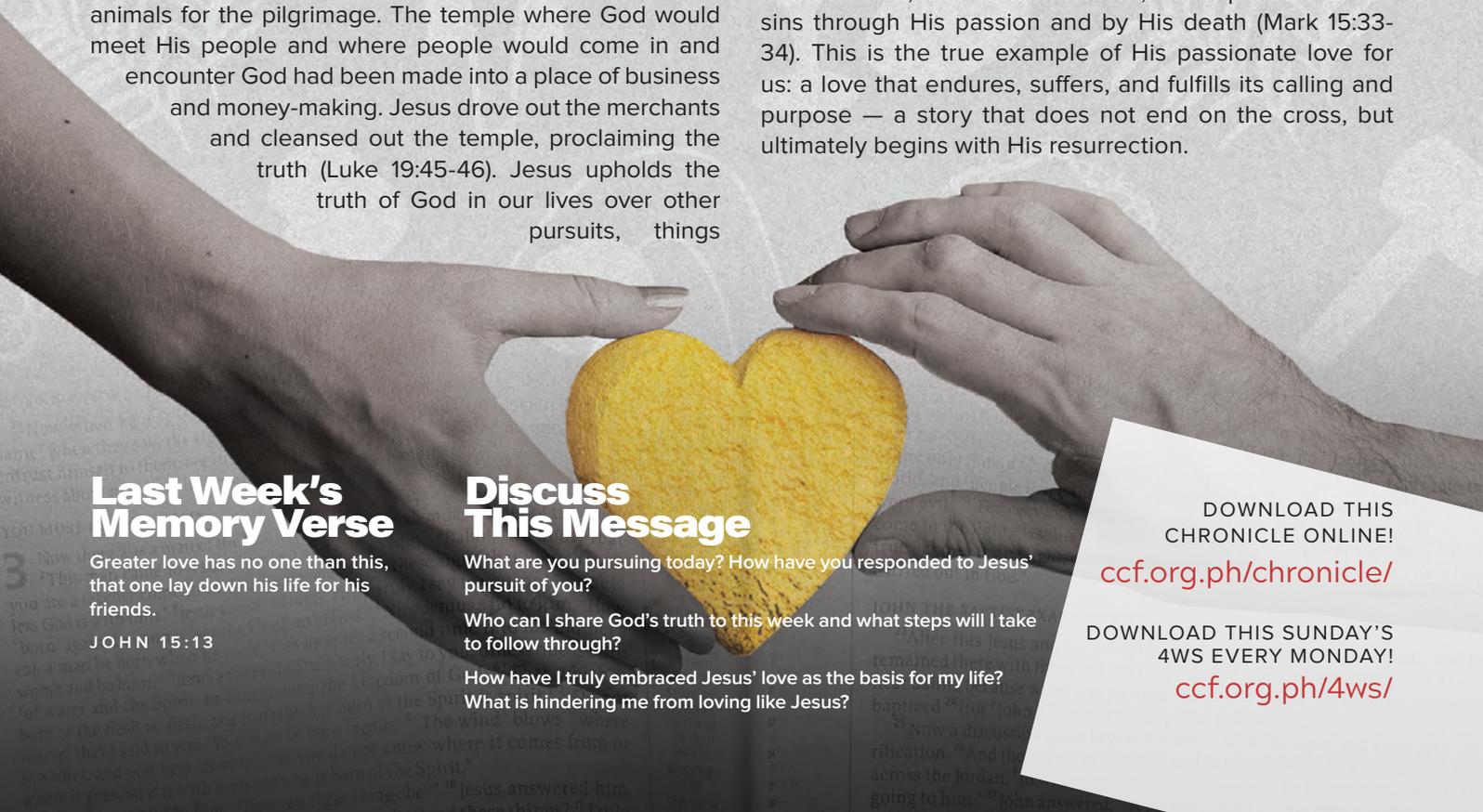
How have I truly embraced Jesus' love as the basis for my life? What is hindering me from loving like Jesus?

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with Ellen Lopez

April 4, Thursday, 10:00 AM, MPH

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#### Confessions of a Workaholic: Meeting the Boss

with Ptr. Ickhoy de Leon

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

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## join in and participate

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

#### True Life Retreat: Transforming Love

April 26-27, 8:00 AM, CCF Center

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## learn more about our faith

Continue to be equipped in your discipleship journey.

### There are no GLC trainings on Sunday, March 31.

#### UPCOMING SCHEDULE

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###### Book 1: One by One

**ONSITE:** April 7, Sunday

10:30 AM, Room 2A

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###### Book 2: Spiritual Disciplines

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**ZOOM:** April 10, Wednesday, 7:30 PM

##### GLC Level 2

###### Book 6: Basic Doctrines

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**ZOOM:** April 11, Thursday, 7:30 PM

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###### Module 3: Conflict Resolution

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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*

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5:00 PM

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

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