

A Portrait of Love

Lesson 7 – August 8-14, 2026

Texts are from the ASV unless otherwise noted.

Memory Text: **"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love"** (1 Corinthians 13:13, NIV).

Sabbath Afternoon

Romans 8:35–39 35Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or anguish, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36Even as it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; We were accounted as sheep for the slaughter. 37Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 Corinthians 2:9

9but as it is written, Things which eye saw not, and ear heard not, And which entered not into the heart of man, Whatsoever things God prepared for them that love him.

1 Corinthians 8:3 but if any man loveth God, the same is known by him.

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me: and that life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith which is in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself up for me.

Colossians 1:13 who delivered us out of the power of darkness, and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of his love;

1 Thessalonians 3:12 and the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we also do toward you;

Sunday The Essentialness of Love

1 Cor 13:1 If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal.

1 Cor 13:2 And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

1 Cor 13:3 And if I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profiteth me nothing.

Matthew 24:12 And because iniquity shall be multiplied, the love of the many shall wax cold.

Monday What Love Does

1 Corinthians 13:4–7 4Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, 5doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not its own, is not provoked, taketh not account of evil; 6rejoiceth not in unrighteousness, but rejoiceth with the truth; 7beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Eph 4:2 with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

Ps 145:9 Jehovah is good to all; And his tender mercies are over all his works.

Luke 1:58 And her neighbors and her kinsfolk heard that the Lord had magnified his mercy towards her; and they rejoiced with her.

Luke 15:6, 9 6And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and his neighbors, saying unto them, Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost.

9And when she hath found it, she calleth together her friends and neighbors, saying, Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I had lost.

1 Cor 12:26 And whether one member suffereth, all the members suffer with it; or one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

Phil 2:17–18 17Yea, and if I am offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all: 18and in the same manner do ye also joy, and rejoice with me.

1 Corinthians 9:12 If others partake of this right over you, do not we yet more? Nevertheless we did not use this right; but we bear all things, that we may cause no hindrance to the gospel of Christ.

Galatians 5:22–23 22But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23meekness, self-control; against such there is no law.

Tuesday What Love Does Not Do

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1 Cor 12:31 But desire earnestly the greater gifts. And moreover a most excellent way show I unto you.

1 Cor 14:1 Follow after love; yet desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.

1 Cor 14:39 Wherefore, my brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues.

Acts 7:9 And the patriarchs, moved with jealousy against Joseph, sold him into Egypt: and God was with him,

1 Cor 3:3 for ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you jealousy and strife, are ye not carnal, and do ye not walk after the manner of men?

1 Cor 8:1 Now concerning things sacrificed to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but love edifieth.

1 Cor 4:10 We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye have glory, but we have dishonor.

1 Corinthians 10:24 Let no man seek his own, but each his neighbor's good.

Wednesday A Portrait of Jesus

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John 13:1, 34 1Now before the feast of the passover, Jesus knowing that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own that were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

34A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; even as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

John 15:9–12 9Even as the Father hath loved me, I also have loved you: abide ye in my love. 10If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. 11These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full. 12This is my commandment, that ye love one another, even as I have loved you/

1 Timothy 1:14 and the grace of our Lord abounded exceedingly with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

1 Tim 1:16 howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me as chief might Jesus Christ show forth all his longsuffering, for an ensample of them that should thereafter believe on him unto eternal life.

2 Timothy 1:7, 13 7For God gave us not a spirit of fearfulness; but of power and love and discipline.

13 Hold the pattern of sound words which thou hast heard from me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

1 John 3:16 Hereby know we love, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

1 John 4:7–12, 19–21 7Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is begotten of God, and knoweth God. 8He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. 9Herein was the love of God manifested in us, that God hath sent his only begotten Son into the world that we might live through him. 10Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12No man hath beheld God at any time: if we love one another, God abideth in us, and his love is perfected in us:

19 We love, because he first loved us. 20If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, cannot love God whom he hath not seen.

21And this commandment have we from him, that he who loveth God love his brother also.

1 John 4:8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Heb 1:3 who being the effulgence of his glory, and the very image of his substance, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had made purification of sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

1 Pet 2:3 if ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious:

John 17:12–14 12While I was with them, I kept them in thy name which thou hast given me: and I guarded them, and not one of them perished, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13But now I come to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy made full in themselves. 14I have given them thy word; and the world hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

Hebrews 12:2–3 2looking unto Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising shame, and hath sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3For consider him that hath endured such gainsaying of sinners against himself, that ye wax not weary, fainting in your souls.

Phil 2:8 and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, becoming obedient even unto death, yea, the death of the cross.

Acts 9:13–14 13But Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard from many of this man, how much evil he did to thy saints at Jerusalem: 14and here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call upon thy name.

Acts 9:15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles and kings, and the children of Israel:

Thursday Faith, Hope, and Love

1 Cor 13:8 Love never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall be done away; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall be done away.

1 Cor 13:10 but when that which is perfect is come, that which is in part shall be done away.

1 Cor 13:12 For now we see in a mirror, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know fully even as also I was fully known.

2 Cor 5:7 (for we walk by faith, not by sight);

Rom 8:24 For in hope were we saved: but hope that is seen is not hope: for who hopeth for that which he seeth?

Rom 4:3 For what saith the scripture? And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned unto him for righteousness.

Rom 5:1–5 1Being therefore justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; 2through whom also we have had our access by faith into this grace wherein we stand; and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3And not only so, but we also rejoice in our tribulations: knowing that tribulation worketh steadfastness; 4and steadfastness, approvedness; and approvedness, hope: 5and hope putteth not to shame; because the love of God hath been shed abroad in our hearts through the Holy Spirit which was given unto us.

Gal 5:5–6 5For we through the Spirit by faith wait for the hope of righteousness. 6For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision; but faith working through love.

Eph 1:15, 18 15For this cause I also, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which is among you, and the love which ye show toward all the saints,

18having the eyes of your heart enlightened, that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

Eph 4:1–5 1I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beseech you to walk worthily of the calling wherewith ye were called, 2with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; 3giving diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4There is one body, and one Spirit, even as also ye were called in one hope of your calling; 5one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

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Friday Further Thought

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