



Love is... yet love is not...

The heart of the matter is the matter of the heart



## Love is... 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8,13

- 4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.
- 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.
- 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.
- 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.
- 8 Love never fails...
  
- 13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.



There is a thin line between:-

- tough love **vs.** toxic love
- within proper boundary **vs.** overboard
- take for granted **vs.** taking advantage of

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## Love is not forceful (caused people to be fearful)

□ 1 Cor.13:5 (MSG)

Doesn't force itself on others,  
isn't always "me first"



## Together we learn:

- accept NO for an answer
- allow others to be assertive
- abuse of all forms to stop
- awareness **vs.** ignorance / denial

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## Love is not harmful (hurtful)

□ Romans 13:10

Love does no harm to a neighbor.

□ AMP version

Love does no wrong to a neighbor  
(it never hurts anyone)

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## Together we learn:

- safe space
- set healthy boundary
- seems right til someone sets the record straight (Prov.18:17)
- self-care (mental, physical, emotional, spiritual, intellectual, environmental, social, and financial)



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## God is Love (1 John 4:8).

- But love is not God. God is GOD!!
- God's sacrificial love for us caused Him to send Jesus to die for our sins.
- John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.



## The way of love...

- Ephesians 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.
- Matthew 5:44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,
- Luke 6:27-28 27 But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.