

Talk 2 - Love Matters Most

What is a face of love?

How about Mother Teresa? What's she known for? Love! She lived as a Catholic nun, lived her whole life serving the poor. She won the Nobel Peace Prize, the highest prize in the world for loving people. That's the face of love.

We can look at something and go, *"That looks like love."*

God's love is enough to satisfy us. It's unconditional and we need it!

The Bible says, *"God is love."* **1 John 4:8.**

Three challenges for us for this week.

1. Make love your highest goal.

As a matter of fact, this is right out of the Bible. This is God's challenge to us, **1 Corinthians 14:1** *"Let love be your highest goal."*

Again, not just one of your goals but let it be your highest goal.

Making a big difference in our lives starts with the little daily decisions where you have made love your highest goal.

1 Corinthians 13:3 *"No matter what I say, what I believe or what I do, I'm bankrupt without love."*

Bankrupt without love. What this verse is saying is, I could have achievement, all the money, all the fame. But if I don't have love, I'm broke. Poor. Bankrupt. Empty.

Who cares what you accomplish? If you don't have love, the Bible says, you're empty. So make love your highest goal.

Tomorrow when you wake up, before you get out of bed, just pause and connect with God. *"God, would you help me to make love my highest goal today?"* See what happens. I guarantee you that every single day this week you will have an opportunity to show love to someone. Make love your highest goal.

2. Show love through actions.

1 John 3:18 *"We must show love through actions that are sincere not through empty words."*

If we want to show love we do it by actions that are sincere. Not by just empty words.

You don't show love through words. You show it through actions. Through acts of kindness.

Ephesians 5:2 *"Live a life filled with love for others, following the example of Christ who loved you and gave himself as a sacrifice to take away your sins."*

Love requires sacrifice. Why not sacrifice some time to help someone out this coming week.

Let's be honest: There's always reasons to make excuses for not being loving. Excuses are a huge part of our life. They're a part of our society. We always have excuses. But don't play the excuse card.

3. Start loving now. Don't make excuses. Start today.

Ephesians 5:16 *"Make the most of every opportunity for doing good."*

Just look for opportunities. I'm going to put it on my radar – today, tomorrow, for the next forty days.

Here's what I want to say: Don't allow the excuses to define you. Let love define you.

Challenge

We can spend the rest of our lives looking for love in all the wrong places.

But God says, *"I love you. My love is enough. It's enough to fill you. As a matter of fact, it's enough to overflow you. You can love because I love you."*

God's love is enough! Would you be willing tonight to ask God for His love to come into your life?