



# When Love Is Lost: Good News for Lonely Hearts

1 Peter 3:1-7, 1 John 3:16

- Love is not merely a feeling – it’s faithful action  
*1 John 3:16, John 15:13, John 3:16*
- Love is not merely an action – it’s heartfelt affection  
*1 Corinthians 13:1-3, Revelation 2:1-5, Romans 5:8*
- Loving affection is nurtured by faithful investment  
*Matthew 6:19-21, Ephesians 4:30-5:2*
  - Remember God’s love and grace for you
  - Choose to love and forgive

## **F O R F U R T H E R R E F L E C T I O N**

- Meditate on Ephesians 4:29-5:2, 1 Corinthians 13:1-8, Matthew 6:19-21, 1 John 4:7-21
- Memorize 1 John 3:16
- Read “How a Thermometer becomes a Thermostat” - <https://hutchcraft.com/life-issues/out-of-control/how-a-thermometer-becomes-a-thermostat>
- Read “Three ways to nurture the marriage you want” - [www.focusonthefamily.com/marriage/three-ways-to-nurture-the-marriage-you-want/](http://www.focusonthefamily.com/marriage/three-ways-to-nurture-the-marriage-you-want/)

- Read “Love needs nurturing” - <https://marriagemissions.com/love-needs-nurturing/>
- Read this article that helps us understand God - [carm.org/about-god/what-is-the-impassibility-of-god](http://carm.org/about-god/what-is-the-impassibility-of-god)
- Read *Moments Together for Couples* – by Dennis & Barbary Rainey
- Read *The Resolution for Men* and *The Resolution for Women*

## **Q U E S T I O N S F O R R E F L E C T I O N**

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. What definitions of love are popular in our world right now?
3. Having reflected on the Scriptures today, how might you define “love” biblically?
4. Share about a time when you have not felt like loving someone but God has enabled you to faithfully show love to that person. How did the Lord work in that situation?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3. Is it really possible to do all these things without love? How can we make sure we have a growing love for God and people even as we serve God and people?
6. Read Revelation 2:1-5. What prescription does God give this church that has become so loveless? What would it look like for you to “do the things you did at first” (v. 5) in your relationship with God? What would it look like to do those things in your marriage?
7. Read Matthew 6:19-21. As you think about this principle of “the heart follows the investment,” how have you seen that true in your life? How can we use this principle to our advantage, for God’s glory?
8. What does it mean to you to think about how God not only showed loving action to you, but feels loving affection for you?
9. Read Ephesians 4:29-5:2. What do we learn about God’s love for us in this passage? What difference does this make in the way that we love others?
10. What next step could you take this week toward a marriage that is even more “good different”? If you are not married, what might it look like to apply today’s message to your life this week?