

Love for the Win

1 Corinthians 13

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- **The Priority of Love (vv. 1-3)**

- **The Qualities of Love (vv. 4-8)**

- **The Permanence of Love (vv. 8-13)**

FOR FURTHER ACTION/REFLECTION

- Memorize 1 Corinthians 13:4-8
- Do “The Love Inventory” - bit.ly/TheLoveInventory
- Read Pastor Foster’s resource on the “tongues of angels” - bit.ly/TonguesofAngels1 - in 1 Corinthians 13:1.
- Read “What Love Does and Does Not Do” – bit.ly/WhatLoveDoesandDoesNotDo
- Read “Why is Love Called the Greatest of These?” – bit.ly/LovetheGreatest
- Listen to “Love of God” – bit.ly/LoveofGod1
- Listen to “We Need Each Other” – bit.ly/WeNeedEachOther1
- Read *Love or Die* or *Leading with Love* by Strauch
- Read *Shape* by Rees
- Read *Improving Your Serve* by Swindoll

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you the most from the message?
2. Where have you witnessed a “win-at-all-costs” mentality that pursues a self-oriented agenda at all costs, even at the expense of others? Or where have you been guilty of this mentality yourself?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 12:31. In what ways have you experienced love as a “more excellent” way?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 and Revelation 2:1-7. Is it really possible for someone or a church to do many great things for God without love? What are the dangers in this? How can someone or a church ensure they are operating in love?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. What is one quality you see expressed well in someone else in your group? What is one quality you feel you need to grow in?
6. In what ways did Jesus embody the qualities of vv. 4-8? Give some specific examples.
7. Who is someone you know who embodies these qualities of love? Give an example of how you have seen this love in them.
8. God says love never fails. Share an example of how you have seen this be true.
9. Consider some of the texts we have looked at so far. How would a person seek to grow in love? What might a person benefit from doing if they want to grow in love?
10. Who is someone in front of you right now in life that you can love more faithfully, and what would it look like for you to do that? Spend some time praying together for God to enable you to do that.

