

FUELED BY LOVE

1 Corinthians 13.1-3

HYPERBOLIC EXTREMES

The Corinthians put a premium on excellence and performance. But Paul, seemingly using some hyperbole, lets them know that even if they had the greatest power of any gifts, if they lack love, it's all meaningless.

Where we often make mistakes, then, is to just "stop" if we can't do it right. But rather, we should continue in doing good, and in faith praying that our affections would be changed.

When you can't do as you should, do as you ought.

BEHAVIOR ISN'T THE END GAME

**Far too often, our identity stems from what we do for Jesus,
Rather than having our identity stem from what He has done for us.**

Matthew 7.21, 22 // Psalm 51.16, 17 // Luke 10.38-42 // Matthew 11.28-30

God does not simply desire our obedience, our work, our talent. It is all meaningless if it does not come out of a love for Him and a love for others. He desires for us to *first* come to Him and enjoy Him, and to set aside the performancism and legalism that shackles us.

RESULT OF LOVE

Religion: I obey, therefore I am accepted

Faith: I am accepted, therefore I obey

It is not to say that God does not want our obedience, it's that He does not want it *instead of or without* our love. He desires obedience and a lifestyle of good works that is the *result* of love.

**We are changed not by being told what to do for God,
but by being told what God has done for us.**



NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

1 John 4:16

So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **1 Corinthians 13.1-3**. What stands out to you in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

What particular reminders of the Good News can you remind yourself of as you consider this stark "rebuttal" from Paul?

Repent and Confess

Undoubtedly, we have *all* served or used our gifts while not coming from a place of love for God or from others. Where currently in your life do you feel like you need to examine and adjust your service?

Ask for Provision

What do you think of the quote, "if you can't do it as you should, do it as you ought"? Sometimes, we have to press forward in faith, rather than feelings or emotions, because we believe that what we are doing is right and true. How can doing things "as you ought" result in a change of heart?

Your Life Mission

What conversations or social settings with non-believers are coming up that you could use prayer for? How can your group be praying for the people in your life that you love and care for?

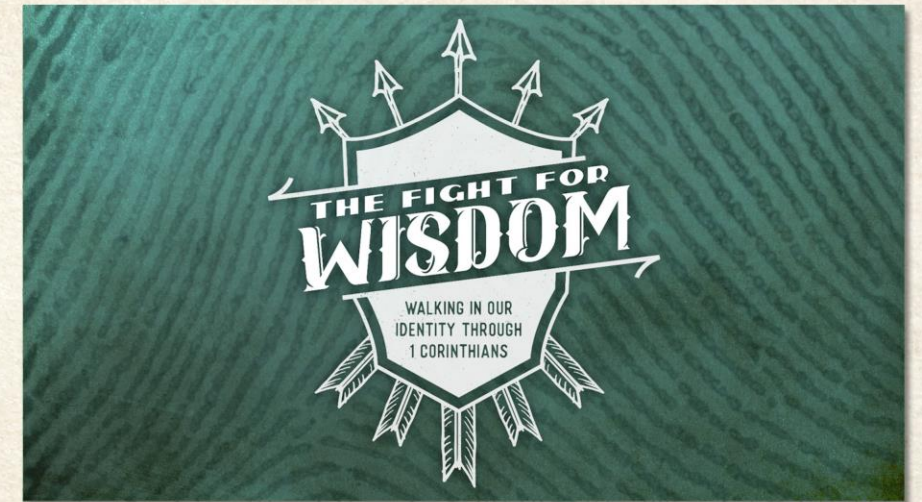
End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love. Make sure to end your time of prayer **Yielding with Thanksgiving** for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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