

# FAITH+HOPE+LOVE

## The Greatest is Love

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<sup>12</sup> Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely. <sup>13</sup> Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.

**1 Corinthians 13:12-13 NLT**

<sup>12</sup> We don't yet see things clearly. We're squinting in a fog, peering through a mist. But it won't be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright! We'll see it all then, see it all as clearly as God sees us, knowing him directly just as he knows us! <sup>13</sup> But for right now, until that completeness, we have three things to do to lead us toward that consummation: Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love.

**1 Corinthians 13:12-13 MSG**

### 1. Love is more than a feeling

- Love is about action and responsibility
- Love is not mean or selfish

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. <sup>6</sup> It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. <sup>7</sup> Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

**1 Corinthians 13:4-7 NLT**

### 2. God's love for us

- Loved us before we knew him
- Expressed in action - Jesus
- Inspires us to love others

<sup>7</sup> Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup> God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. <sup>10</sup> This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. <sup>11</sup> Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other.

**1 John 4:7-11 NLT**

### Next Steps:

- Show practical love to \_\_\_\_\_ this week
- Love others this week by intentionally sacrificing my desires and helping them: \_\_\_\_\_
- Spend time in prayer this week and list the things that show how much God loves me
- Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 this week
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