



#4 “Faith, Hope, & Love” I Corinthians 13:13

1 Corinthians 13:13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

FAITH = BELIEVING THAT SOMETHING IS TRUE EVEN WITHOUT ANY TANGIBLE “PROOF”

Hebrews 11:1-6 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ²This is what the ancients were commended for. ³By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. ⁴By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: “He could not be found, because God had taken him away.” For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

HOPE = ABSOLUTE CONFIDENCE IN WHAT YOU BELIEVE

Romans 5:1-4 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance, ⁴perseverance, character, and character, hope.

LOVE = SACRIFICING FOR THE BENEFIT OF OTHERS

1 John 3:16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

1 Peter 4:8 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

THE LOVE DARE!

Week 4

- DAY 22: Get in community!** If you’ve been holding out on getting connected in a small group, resolve by God’s grace to do so soon. Address your reluctance to do so. Where does it come from? Talk with a pastor or ministry leader about this.
- DAY 23: Seek to be reconciled.** If there is someone in your life with whom you’ve been at odds, decide to move towards him or her rather than away. Make a call or send an email and ask if they would be willing to meet over coffee to discuss things. Determine to own your part of the fractured relationship and pray like crazy that God will move in a mighty way.
- DAY 24: Reach out to another generation.** Examine your friendships. Do any of them cross generations? It takes love to seek out people who think differently than we do. Take initiative. Reach out to someone older or younger than yourself and see what God does.
- DAY 25: Die to self.** Agape love involves dying to self. Ask the Lord for an opportunity to deny self for the sake of someone else today. Remember Christ’s death on your behalf, the greatest act of love in history. Endure dying for the joy on the other side!
- DAY 26: Share the Gospel.** Pray for and seize an opportunity to share the good news with someone today—a co-worker, fellow student, friend, or family member. Rehearse your own testimony of salvation in your mind so you are ready to talk about how Jesus has saved you and is transforming your life.
- DAY 27: Love Gahanna with the Gospel.** Decide that you will participate in the Gahanna Gospel Blitz—“Loving our neighbors with the Gospel.” When the opportunity comes to sign up ... do it!
- DAY 28: Lay down your life!** Tell Jesus that you are so grateful for what He did for you that you want to respond by laying down your life for Him. Ask Him for the privilege of dying daily to selfish desires, giving your life away every day for others, and ultimately dying in a way that brings him great glory!

Bible Reading

- Sun.: Matthew 13 Mon.: Matthew 14 Tues: Matthew 15
- Wed.: Matthew 16 Thurs.: Matthew 17
- Fri.: Matthew 18 Sat.: Matthew 19 Sun.: Matthew 20

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