



# Pop goes CATHOLICISM Resource Sheet

## Letters to Juliet (3 of 3: Love is a Verb)

### Media Information

**Rating:** PG  
**Year:** 2010  
**Director:** Gary Winick  
**Stars:** Amanda Seyfried  
Christopher Egan  
Vanessa Redgrave

### Description

**Timing:** 1:26:07-1:27:34

**Movie Description:**  
While in Italy on a vacation with her fiancé (on which they spend very little time together) Sophie answers a 50 year old letter of regret prompting Claire to come to Italy to find her long lost love. On the search, Sophie falls for her grandson Charlie.

**Clip Description:**  
This clip is Sophie telling Victor that it's not working and that she's changed, then leaves him.

### Faith Connection

As Christians we talk about love all the time: love God, love your neighbor, love each other, on and on. And yet, we must be continually reminded what we mean by that word. Christian love isn't a feeling or a state of being ('in' love); it's an act of will, something chosen, something you do. Love isn't a noun; it's a verb. In this clip, Sophie confronts Victor about not knowing "what this is anymore." When something 'is' something, that's a noun. Sophie admits that she and Victor have not been doing anything to love each other, even to the point of going on a pre-honeymoon and not spending any time together! We're likewise called to be realistic about answering the call to 'love others' by actually doing things for them not just having warm and fuzzy feelings about them. Thus, we need to choose acts that put others before ourselves: service, charity, sacrifice; that's love.

### Discussion Questions

1. What first comes to mind when you hear the word "love"?
2. What does being 'in love' mean to you?
3. If love is an act of will, what do you will in loving?
4. If to love is to do something, how do you love God?
5. In what areas of your life could you grow in love, to do more for others?

### Related

#### Scripture:

John 13:34  
Matthew 25:31-46

#### Catechism:

#1825  
#1972

