**Digging Deeper Study**

**Bring Heaven to Earth**

**1 Cor. 13**

**December 29 2024**

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| **Speaking the language of love**   1. Cor. 13:13   John 4:17 17 As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.  **Face like flint**  Isaiah 50:7  The Lord God will help me.  Because the Sovereign Lord helps me,  I will not be disgraced.  Therefore have I set my face like flint,  and I know I will not be put to shame.  Proverbs 27:17 says this iron sharpens iron and one person sharpens another.  **Hinge of Hope**  Ephesians 1:18 I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance. | How can you actively practice speaking the "language of love" in your daily interactions, especially when faced with difficult situations or people?  Are there any situations in your life where you need to speak life into it? Discuss  What steps can you take to transform from being a "thermometer" that reacts to situations into a "thermostat" that sets the tone and culture around you?  How can you cultivate a "face of faith," remaining steadfast and focused on Christ even when distractions and challenges arise?  In the original language, that one person sharpens another actually says this,  “as one one's person's countenance lifts another's countenance”  Do you have people in your life that you are face to face with?    Following Jesus means He will often use your life, your story, and your testimony to be a hinge of hope that His door swings on.  Is there a chapter in your life that you've tried to forget, but could actually serve as a source of hope for someone else? |