

reality Relationships

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Relationships Matter!

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Relationships are not optional.

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Relationships help to make life
full and meaningful.

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Relationships can be and
often are painful.

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“May those who love us, love us;
and those who don't love us,
may God turn their hearts;
and if He doesn't turn their
hearts, may He turn their
ankles, so we'll know them
by their limping.
—Old Irish Prayer

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Relationships require wisdom
and work to be successful.

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The fear of the LORD is the beginning
of knowledge; fools despise wisdom
and instruction. —Proverbs 1:7 ESV

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“The 13th Chapter of 1 Corinthians
is a portrait of love. It comes out,
however, as a portrait of Jesus Christ,
because He is love. Christ would like
to reproduce His portrait in us and to
have His church be a collection of
reprints. This chapter is the greatest,
most far-reaching, broad description
of love that has ever been penned by
the Holy Spirit's inspiration.

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It's tremendously and intensely
practical. And even though it's a
portrait of Jesus Christ, which
gives it an exalted character,
it is at the same time a shoe-leather
presentation of what Christ wants
to produce in our daily living.

—John MacArthur

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¹If I speak in the tongues of men
and of angels, but have not love,
I am a noisy gong or a clanging
cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic
powers, and understand all
mysteries and all knowledge,
and if I have all faith,
so as to remove mountains,
but have not love, I am nothing.

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³If I give away all I have, and if I
deliver up my body to be burned,
but have not love, I gain nothing.
⁴Love is patient and kind;
love does not envy or boast;
it is not arrogant ⁵or rude.
It does not insist on its own way;
it is not irritable or resentful;
⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing,
but rejoices with the truth.

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⁷Love bears all things,
believes all things,
hopes all things,
endures all things.
⁸Love never ends.

—1 Corinthians 13:1-8a ESV

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Without love,
all I say is ineffective.

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Without love,
all I know is incomplete.

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Without love,
all I believe is insufficient.

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Without love,
all I give is insignificant.

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Life – Love = 0

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Storge (family love)
“received into”

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Phileo (brotherly love)
“grow into”

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Eros (physical attraction)
“fall into”

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Agape (God’s love)
“born into”

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⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.
—1 John 4:7 ESV

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Agape is different because it centers on the person who is doing the loving and not the person being loved.

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1. Real Love is Supernatural

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2. Real Love is Unconditional

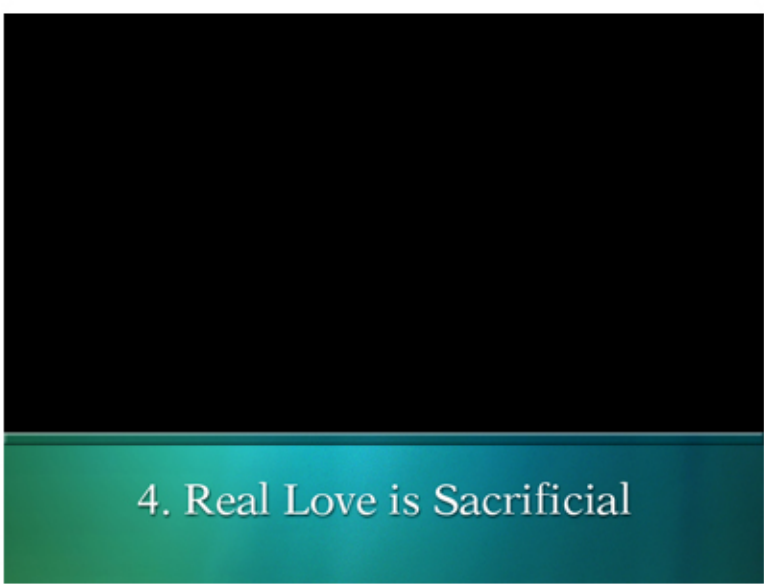
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3. Real Love is Intentional

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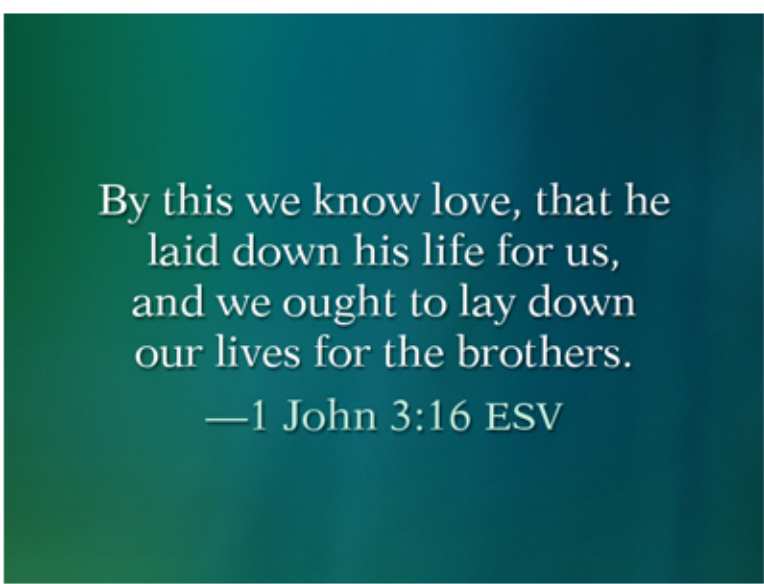
“Love is intentionally doing something caring or helpful for another person in Jesus’ name, regardless of the cost or consequence to oneself.”

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4. Real Love is Sacrificial

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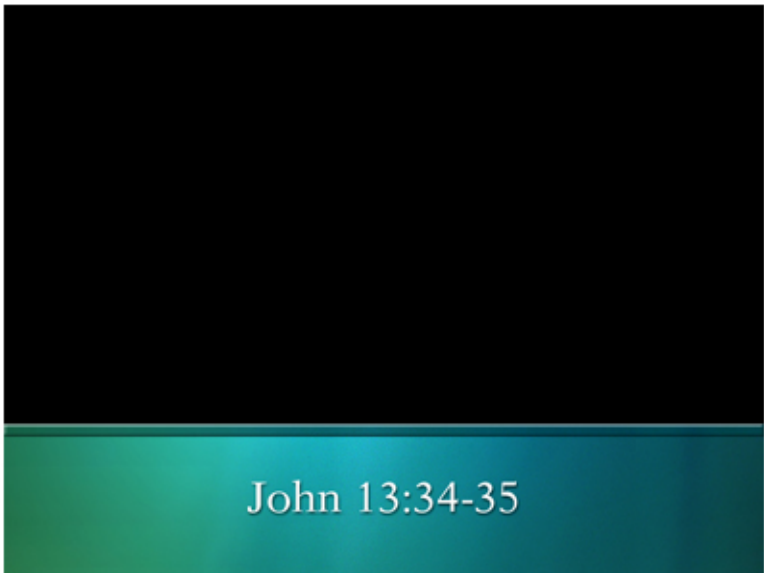
By this we know love, that he
laid down his life for us,
and we ought to lay down
our lives for the brothers.
—1 John 3:16 ESV

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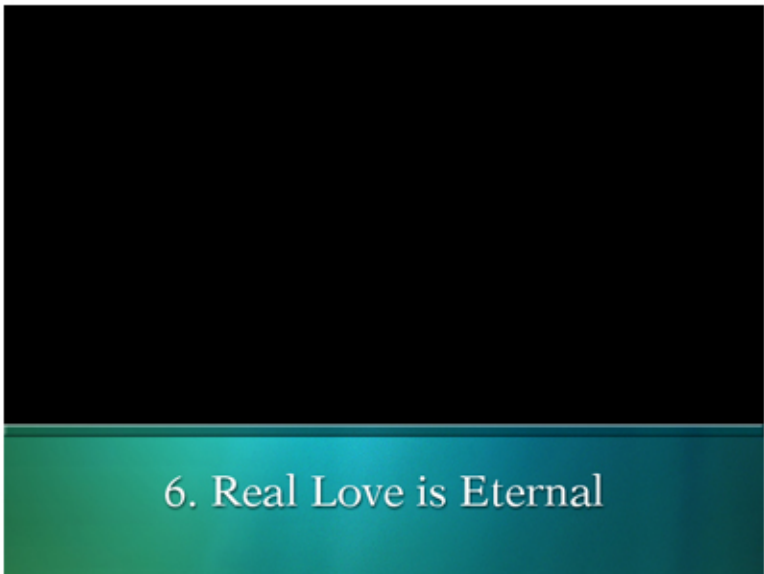
5. Real Love is Practical

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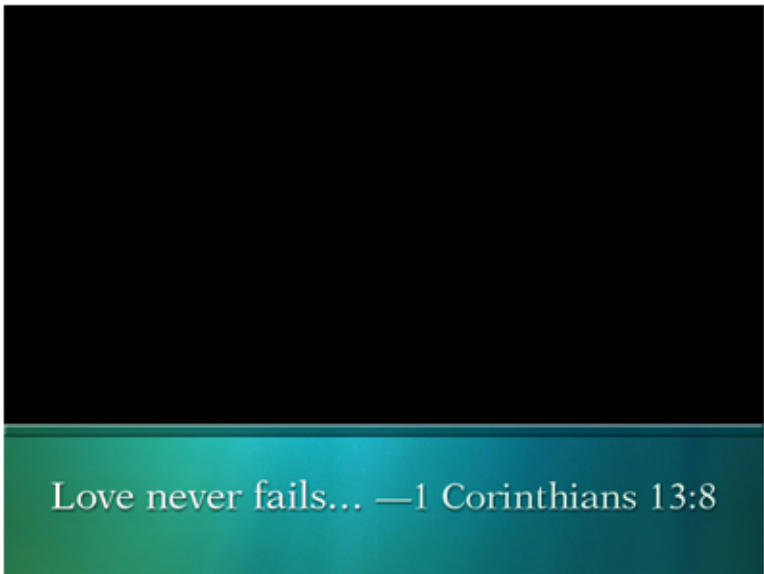
John 13:34-35

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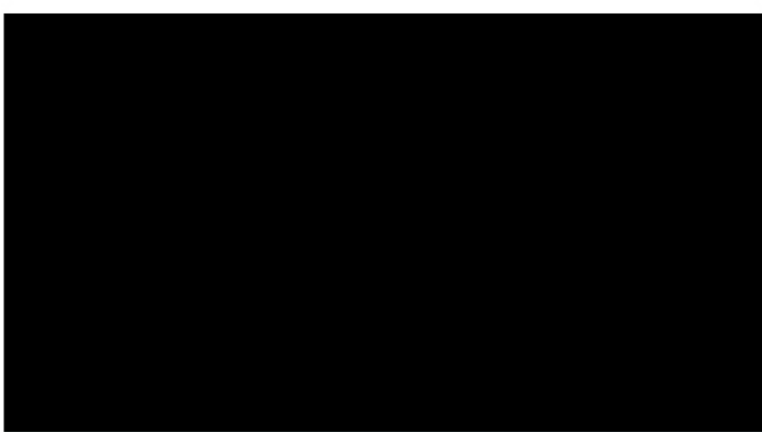
6. Real Love is Eternal

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Love never fails... —1 Corinthians 13:8

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...I have loved you with an
everlasting love... —Jeremiah 31:3 ESV

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