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Love Actually, Practically: A Lasting Love

I. The Story of Greater Love

John 15:13 *Greater love is to _____ one's life for another.*

Reflection:

- How does my love _____?
- Has my love become _____ or _____?

II. What Is Greater Love?

A. What Love Is Not

1. Love is not only a _____.
2. Love is not something you simply “_____ into.”

B. God's Definition

- “*Put on _____.*” (Col. 3:14) Paul uses the image of _____ to describe love.
- Love is the _____ that holds everything together.

C. Love = Choice + Conduct

- Love is a matter of _____.
- Love is a matter of _____.
- “*Love... with actions and in _____.*” (1 John 3:18)

III. Five Marks of a Greater Kind of Love (1 Corinthians 13)

1. Love Is _____ (Patient)

- Patience means waiting for someone to _____, _____, or _____.
- God gives strength — Psalm 23:3.
- Visual: God's “reservoir of _____.”

2. Love Is _____ (Kind)

- Kindness = meeting _____ needs.



MESSAGE NOTES



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- Kindness is love in “_____ boots.”
- *“Be kind... tenderhearted... forgiving...”* (Eph. 4:32)

This week:

- Pause before _____.
- Choose _____ words.
- Look deeper into someone’s _____.

3. Love Is _____ (Secure)

- Insecurity creates _____, _____, and _____.
- Love grows where people feel _____ and _____.

4. Love Is _____ (Giving)

- Not rude, not self-seeking, not keeping score.
- Relationship types:
 - Give-and-Take
 - Fair Exchange
 - Give-and-_____ (the healthiest)

5. Love _____ Its Way Into Feeling

- Feelings follow _____.
- Repeated acts of love:
 - Soften _____
 - Rebuild _____
 - Awaken _____

IV. Bottom Line

Greater love is: _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____.

Greater love always pays a price. Greater love always costs something. Greater love is always worth it.

