Series: Embracing and Employing Our Emotions

“Crazy Little Thing Called Love”  David Owens
1 John 4:7-12  4/18/21

A. The emotion of love and living a life of love can be very ____________.
B. Consider all of the ____________ messages we get from our culture - especially in the ________ - movies, television and music.
C. Reminders about emotions in general:
   1. They are a ___________ from ________ so that our lives might be ____________.
   2. We need to avoid the two extremes - one that ________ them and the other that allows them to be ____________.
D. As we examine what the Bible says about love, we discover that the Bible acknowledges that love is both an ____________ and an ________ of the ________.
E. Affections are part of the essence of love, but true love is not a feeling by which we are ____________, rather love is a thoughtful ____________ and ____________.
F. There are at least _____ types of love that come from the ________ words for love.
G. Let’s start with the concept of ________ - which is ____________ or sexual love.
   1. God has given the ________ gift of ________ love to be experienced and enjoyed in marriage.
   2. Biblical examples of eros are often seen in a ___________ light (Samson - Judges 16; Amnon - 1 Sam. 13; David - 2 Sam. 11)
   3. The Song of ________ is devoted to the beauty and wonder of ________ love (4:1, 3, 7, 9-10).
   4. Eros has limitations and should not be the ________ ________ of marriage.
H. Next is the concept of ____________ - which is “_________” affection.
   1. It is the kind of love that comes from ____________ (Mt. 23:37).
   2. Two times in the NT this kind of love is missing (Rom. 1:31; 2 Tim. 3:3).
I. The third word for love is ________ - which is ________ love (Jn. 11:3; 20:2).
J. The last of the Greek words for love is ____________ - more than ________ times.
   1. It is the ____________ and ________ love of God (Jn. 3:16).
   2. It is the love that God expects we will ________ (Mt. 22:37; Jn. 13:34; 1 Cor. 13; Eph. 5:25; Mt. 5:43-48).
   3. This kind of divine love that we are called upon to practice is not a ________, but is a commitment to sacrificial ________.
K. Agape love is needed in some ________ in every kind of ________.
L. All genuine love comes from ________ because ________ is ________ (1 Jn. 4:7-12; Eph. 5:1-2; Jn. 13:35; Rom. 5:5).
M. There are things we shouldn’t love or shouldn’t love _______ much (1 Jn. 2:15; Mt. 10:37).
N. With God’s help, we can live a life of love, whether we _______ like it or not.