

**Enlightenment Worship: Tuesday Night Live!**  
**2/17/2015**  
**Series: WWLD? (What Would Love Do?)**

**Principle Passage:**

**1 Corinthians 13:1-7 New International Version (NIV)**

**13** If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Principle Resources: Love. Period (*Rudy Rasmus*), Crazy Love (*Francis Chan*)

"Love is Diverse, but Not Divided"

Stevie Wonder, "The God I serve said it's what we should do "LOVE one another, when we grasp this how much better we all will be"!

What would happen if we truly loved those who are different from us in race, background, abilities, gender, economic status, identity, or physical condition?

How would our communities change if we stopped being afraid of those who don't fit our definition of "loveable"?

How would our hearts find greater joy if we acknowledged the risk of loving without conditions and did it anyway?

**Relevant Questions:**

How do you respond to racism?

How should the church respond to racism?

**I Corinthians 13:1**

"Fear is what separates us from most people we perceive as being different"

"Love Builds Bridges over Fear"

You can build a bridge with people over **ANY** chasm of fear if you **ACTIVELY** seek to love!

Two (2) Reasons why we must

1. Jesus told us to

**Luke 10:27 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>27</sup> He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself."

If we are going to follow Christ, we **MUST** do what He says!

2. Love is the most powerful force on the earth to bring healing to people's hearts and healing to broken communities.

**1 Corinthians 13:13 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>13</sup> And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

**Pastor's Question:** Could it be our fault there is still racism?

Movie: Black or White, Kevin Costner says, "I do see color, how can I not"?

God made us different!

**Psalms 139:13-16 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>13</sup> For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup> I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. <sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. <sup>16</sup> Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

**Ephesians 4:15-16 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>15</sup> Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. <sup>16</sup> From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

God's love is the glue that makes our joining together possible.

It's His love, working in us, through us that enable each of us to fit together.

Closing Thought: There is nothing that cannot be healed, made whole where God's love abides, nothing! Whatever isn't healed, made whole is due to a lack of desire to DO the God thing, LOVE. Period!

**Next time: Love has no Conditions**