

## Enlightenment Worship: Tuesday Night Live!

Series: WWLD? What Would Love Do?

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### 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 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)

How do you recognize true love?

How do you recognize real true love?

After being deceived by artificial love, it finally dawned on me. Love is gentle. Love is kind. Love is patient and love is not easily provoked. Love doesn't seek to hurt, **refer to 1 Corinthians 13**. I would add, real love uplifts, protects, compliments, and seeks the best no matter what. Love is not perfect, but love is forgiving, love is not always agreeable, but when you truly love, you are always willing to work it out. More importantly, love is more than lust and doesn't change because of feelings; "True love" loves no matter what!

### Real Love Recognizes Real Love

Many times people find themselves in relationships that do not demonstrate true love. Whether it is an abusive, ungodly, or hurtful relationship, we have to recognize that this is not of God. Since God is love, our relationships should reflect God's love through its acts of kindness, loving and supportive thoughts, and kind actions. For God loved us so much, He allowed His only begotten son to suffer and die on the cross for our sins. Although there is no love like the love of God, we should not have to question true love here on earth.

### **You First Must Love Him**

No relationship can survive without God as the foundation. Yes, it may appear to work for a while, but it will never stand the test of time. Before you can truly love another, you must first fall in love with God. It is through His love that you are able to love one another, and are capable of being loved. Falling in love with God requires spending time with Him, just as any relationship requires. We have to first get to know God, so that we can understand His will and desire for our lives.

Understanding this concept, I began to seek God each and every day of my life and as a result, fell in love with my creator. I took an hour of my day to just spend time with Him and hear from Him. This small exercise has given me peace, clarity, and the ability to demonstrate His love through acts of kindness and selflessness. More importantly, it has resulted in a relationship with God that is truly invaluable.

### **Real Relationships Aren't Questionable**

See, love shouldn't have to be questioned. Real love does not leave doubt in your mind. So my question for you is do you love to be unloved?

If you find yourself running from true relationships to "**counterfeit ones,**" ask the Holy Spirit to prepare your heart and mind to be able to receive true love from rightful relationships God has already ordained. Also, ask the Holy Spirit to help you fall in love with yourself. When you truly love yourself, you will also attract real love and remove yourself from relationships that are not of love. Remember, God is love and He wants nothing more for you than real love here on earth!

### **God in Steady Pursuit**

What does it look like when God is after you?

God will send people after you

God will send you to people

God will send you after people

What keeps people away from God, church?

contempt

cynicism

critique

### **Love is Kind!**

Kindness is not only something God shows us on a regular basis, but kindness is also something we are to show God on a regular basis!

## **Steps to Loving Yourself**

**Lesson#1**

Be Kind to Yourself

**Lesson#2**

Acknowledge Your Emotions

**Lesson#3**

Affirm What God Says about You

Speak a new language that is rooted in your faith that God is in control of all things at all times.

**Lesson#4**

Apply Your Energy Daily

Power Point: Is your problem impacting what you believe about God?

Bad situations cry out to us, "**Can you trust God with this?**"

**Reject the Lies****Lie#1**

God is Angry with Me

**Lie#2**

God is Punishing Me

**Lie#3**

The Devil Is Busy

Make Sense of the Pain!

Leave Your Expectations at the Door

Expectations are premeditated resentments

Never allow yourself to become too proud to help another person or too proud to receive help from another.

Focus on the Positives

**Closing Thought:** The kindness of God is always worthy of being extended to others.