

**MONDAY 11.11.24 - John 15:12**

It's a small word, tiny even - - as. Webster defines 'as': to the same degree or amount. It is striking how many times Scripture uses the word to exhort us to a higher level of obedience than we imagine such as forgiving others AS we have been forgiven in the Lord's Prayer. In today's verse, we are commanded by our Lord to love each other. But not just love one another but love one another **as I have loved you!** Who can aspire to that? And yet, He commands us to do exactly that. Brothers and sisters, we must take his yoke upon us and learn of Him. How did our Savior love those around Him? How did He love the disciples? Indeed, *how did He love us?* He laid down His life (v.13). Shiloh, love one another as He has loved us.

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**TUESDAY 11.12.24 - James 1:25**

1 Corinthians 13:4-5, Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

In our scripture today the apostle Paul gives a list of characteristics that those possessing the love of Christ should have. So, how are you doing? If you are anything like me, some days, okay and others not so well. Remember we are a work in the process. What's more, as we open ourselves up to the Holy Spirit, He will be at work in us, moving us closer to the likeness of Christ. You may say yes, I understand what you are saying, but I often feel like I take two steps forward and one step back. That is okay, because that still puts you one step closer to being like Christ. Let us be quick to ask God to Help us to act like Christ would act in every situation, and when we fail let us be quick to repentant and ask God and those we might have offended for forgiveness and in the power of the Holy Spirit keep moving forward.

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**WEDNESDAY 11.13.24 - John 14:1-24**

In John 14, Jesus shared with His disciples that He was going away to prepare a dwelling place for them. He explained that while He was away, He would plan for their arrival. Then He would return and take them back with Him. A Jewish marriage custom was for a son to build an addition to his father's house as a home for his family. Jesus was stating that He would return to take His disciples to His Father's home where He would dwell with them forever. When we accept Jesus' offer of salvation, we are included in this invitation to His Father's home. Jesus told Thomas, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." This heavenly home is open and waiting for all who have placed their trust in Jesus for eternal life. Are you one of them?

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**THURSDAY 11.14.24 - Isaiah 26:3**

Chapter 25 shows in great detail how God will open His protected city to all when He has finally defeated all enemies. There will be no need for walls to keep anyone out and all within will be secure and safe. Beauty will be everywhere, and God's blessings will flow abundant to everyone. Is not the thought of that peaceful? If Christ's spirit lives within you, your own spirit finds rest as it meditates on those final times. Christian friends will meet again, former family members who

have gone ahead will be present again, and all will be safe and peaceful.

In chapter 26 there is no more that one could want than to live in peace, perfect peace. This world cannot provide this and, indeed, knows nothing about it. But God does provide it. When our mind is on Him, His perfect peace is ours.

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**FRIDAY 11.15.24 - Psalm 34:4**

*I sought the Lord, and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears.*

Fearful that Saul would kill him, David fled to Gath and sought the protection of the enemy. However, you are never safe out of the will of God. Psalm 34 is David's personal testimony of what God did for him. David had every reason to praise the Lord, for God rescued him from certain death. When you call on the Lord in faith, He saves, keeps, and satisfies. Why run to the enemy when you can run to the Lord and be safe? David wanted the next generation to know the Lord and trust Him. God's eyes see your needs, God's ears hear your prayers, and God is near when your heart is broken. When God does something special for you, tell somebody else. The next generation needs to hear it and know the Lord.

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## E2 GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

### SUNDAY MORNINGS - 9:40am

- Kids** CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Ages 4 – 4th Grade)  
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level  
NURSERY (through Age 3) \*9:40AM ONLY  
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level
- Youth** E2 CLASS (5th – 12th Grade)  
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)
- Adults** **WINTER QUARTER** - begins December 1<sup>st</sup>  
LOCATION: B8-10 - Gene Steinruck - begins Dec.1<sup>st</sup>.  
**EXPLORE THE BIBLE - Exodus and Leviticus** remind us that imperfect people can depend on a perfect God to lead them through whatever wilderness they face.  
LOCATION: B11 - Teacher: TBA - begins Dec.1<sup>st</sup>.  
**BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE**  
**Looking Forward to Christmas** Be reminded that Christmas is, first and foremost, a celebration of Christ's coming to earth.  
LOCATION: B1-2 - Joel Day - begins Dec.1<sup>st</sup>  
**GOD NEVER GIVES UP ON YOU** - What Jacob's Story Teaches Us About Grace, Mercy, and God's Relentless Love.  
LOCATION: B11 - Shawn Devlin - Begins Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>  
**THE HEART OF WORSHIP** - Learn how Scripture tells us God is the One we are to worship, and it shows us the ways we are to engage in worship, so we are drawn into a deeper walk with Him.

### SUNDAY EVENINGS - 6:00pm

- Kids** MESSIAH KIDS (Kindergarten – 4th Grade)  
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level
- Youth** YOUTH GROUP (5th – 12th Grade)  
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)
- Adults** LOCATION: Worship Center

## WINTER E2 SMALL GROUPS

**WEDNESDAY EVENING STUDY** - Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>- 6:30pm- Room B8-10.  
**ADVENT 2024 - THE PURPOSE OF CHRISTMAS**  
Teaching from the Gospel of Luke in three sessions, bestselling author and pastor Rick Warren helps you see not one but three purposes of Christmas. Celebration, Salvation, and Reconciliation.  
Leader: Barry Wills.

TO SIGN UP OR REQUEST MORE INFORMATION FOR ANY OF THESE GROUPS OR CLASSES,  
USE THE CONNECTION CARD IN THE BULLETIN. THANK YOU.

## **John 13:31-38** **All You Need Is Love**

In chapter 13, while Jesus is celebrating the Feast of Passover with His disciples, He delivers shocking news. He tells them that He's leaving them, and they cannot go with Him. Also, He informs Peter that he is going to disown Him. Sandwiched between these two starting statements, Jesus gives a mandate to His disciples. It is a mandate that has been resounding for the last 2,000 years.

The Greek language contains four words translated by our one English word "love."


1. *Storge* = F\_\_\_\_\_ Love
2. *Eros* = R\_\_\_\_\_ Love
3. *Philos* = F\_\_\_\_\_ Love
4. *Agape* = S\_\_\_\_\_ Love

### Application

Your love should be ...

- U\_\_\_\_\_ in E\_\_\_\_\_
- Do you exhibit this type of love to your mate? How about your children?
- Do you withhold your love until they live up to your standards?
- Do they feel unconditional love? Or do they feel they must constantly try to gain your acceptance?
- U\_\_\_\_\_ in E\_\_\_\_\_
- When you show love to someone else, is it weighed in the balance of what you'll receive in return?
- U\_\_\_\_\_ in E\_\_\_\_\_
- When you demonstrate agape love, you always walk away the winner.

*"By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." ~ Jesus*

 Edifying and Equipping Every Day

TAKING OUR NEXT STEP TOGETHER IN THE WORD



November 11 - November 15

### INTRODUCTION:

Part of our purpose and strategy as a church is to Edify and Equip (E2) every believer. We desire to see every person take their next step with God, both individually as well as with families and small groups (E2 Communities). This devotional is to aid us in just that. We invite you to join us in daily devotion.

### OVERVIEW:

Monday's and Tuesday's readings will be a follow up on Sunday's message from November 10<sup>th</sup>, "All You Need Is Love", with Pastor Doug Lyon. Wednesday's through Friday's devotions will help prepare us for the message on November 17<sup>th</sup>, "Cure for Troubled Hearts", with Pastor Doug Lyon.

### KEY/MEMORY VERSE:

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.  
John 10:10