



That's the Power of Love

1Corinthians 13:4-7

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- “Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage.”
- “Love knows no limit to its endurance, no end to its trust, no fading of its hope; it can outlast anything. Love still stands when all else has fallen.”

Love is the force that moved God Himself. What did love move Him to do?

- To save us
 - Eph. 2:4-6 - “But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus”

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- To hold nothing back from us
 - 1John 4:10 - “In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”
- To create us and the world in the first place
 - Eph. 1:3-4 - “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love”

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- Do you realize that love moved God to create us and this universe, to save us from the sins that separated us from Him, and to hold nothing back from us that we need?
- Without love, none of that would have happened. Love the motivating force behind God's power.
- What powers can love give us?

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- 1Cor. 13:4-7 - “Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; 5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; 6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”

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- Love suffers long; is patient
 - Eph. 4:1-2 - “I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, 2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love”
 - Col. 1:11 - “strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy”

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- And is kind
 - Chresteuomai - “to show oneself useful, to act benevolently; to be kind. A verb denoting action”
 - Acts 9:39 - “Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them.”

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- Love does not envy - “jealous over another; strong feelings against”
 - Jealousy is a work of the flesh limited by the power of the flesh and is confined to this world
 - Gal. 5:19-26
 - Love is not limited by the flesh or this world

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- Love does not parade itself; boast or strut
 - Human glory has no power
 - Dan. 4:30-32 - “The king spoke, saying, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honor of my majesty? 31 While the word was still in the king's mouth, a voice fell from heaven: King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: the kingdom has departed from you! 32 And they shall drive you from men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. They shall make you eat grass like oxen; and seven times shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses.”

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- Love does not parade itself; boast or strut
 - Recognizing God’s glory empowers
 - 2Sam. 9:7-8 - “So David said to him, Do not fear, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father's sake, and will restore to you all the land of Saul your grandfather; and you shall eat bread at my table continually. 8 Then he bowed himself, and said, What is your servant, that you should look upon such a dead dog as I?”

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- Is not puffed up
 - Abraham had every earthly reason to be proud
 - Gen. 18:27 - “Then Abraham answered and said, Indeed now, I who am but dust and ashes have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord”
 - One who loves recognizes his own limits within the limits of others
 - 1Peter 4:8 - “And above all things have fervent love for one another, for love will cover a multitude of sins.”

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- Does not behave rudely
 - 1Thes. 2:7-12
 - Behaves toward others as if he had a familial relationship with them and responsibility for them

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- Does not seek its own
 - John 12:23-27
 - The needs of others outweigh my own needs?
Wrong. I must make the needs of others my highest needs

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- Is not easily provoked
 - Ouparoxuno - “not easily exasperated; does not sharpen easily”
 - Luke 21:19 - “By your patience possess your souls.”
 - Prov. 15:18 - “A wrathful man stirs up strife, But he who is slow to anger allays contention.”

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- Thinks no evil; is not suspicious
 - Phil. 2:3-5 - “Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. 4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. 5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus”
 - 1Cor. 8:2 - “And if anyone thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing yet as he ought to know.”

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- Does not rejoice in iniquity
 - Job 31:28-30 - “This also would be an iniquity deserving of judgment, For I would have denied God who is above. 29 If I have rejoiced at the destruction of him who hated me, Or lifted myself up when evil found him 30 Indeed I have not allowed my mouth to sin By asking for a curse on his soul”
 - Prov. 24:17 - “Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, And do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles”

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- But rejoices in the truth
 - Psalm 119:129-132 - “Your testimonies are wonderful; Therefore my soul keeps them. 130 The entrance of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple. 131 I opened my mouth and panted, For I longed for Your commandments. 132 Look upon me and be merciful to me, As Your custom is toward those who love Your name.”
 - John 14:6 - “Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

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- Bears all things
 - Stego - covers with silence; sustains against attacks
 - Isa. 53:7 - “He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.”

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- Believes all things; exercises faith and confidence in others
 - Gal. 5:6 - “For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.”
 - Acts 15:36-39
 - 2Tim. 4:11 - “Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry.”

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- Hopes all things; hopes for the best outcomes for others
 - 1Peter 5:10 - “But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.”

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- Endures all things
 - 1Cor. 9:12 - “If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.”
 - 2Tim. 2:10 - “Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.”
 - James 5:11 - “Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord--that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.”

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- Paul affirms that true Christian love is powerful enough to rule in every situation, giving us the precise meaning of all things.
- Love moved God to make you, save you, and sustain you.
- Love is strong enough to make you like Him in this world
 - 1John 4:16-17 - “And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. 17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.”