

# HOME

## Small Group Notes

### A Series About Family: #3 "He Said She Said"

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As we have been working through the HOME series, we have taken a look at how we are to be sacrificially loving in our giving and how we foster healthy environments to raise Godly children. Today we focus on how we build solid loving relationships between a husband and a wife. The marriage of two believers should reflect the love of God to all those who see it. There is no greater passage that outlines what love looks like then 1 Corinthians 13, one of the most familiar passages that are read at weddings.

**Some background** – Paul wrote the letter we know as 1 Corinthians to the church at Corinth to encourage them to return to their first love, Jesus. After visiting them and helping to establish the church, Paul has heard reports of them excusing (and even boasting) about sexual immorality, the misuse of their spiritual gifts, issues of pride, and a deep misunderstanding of some key Christian ideas and doctrines.

#### **First Corinthians 13 background**

There are different types of love mentioned in the Bible:

- a. Phileo – a sense of brotherly love
- b. Storge – the love between parents and children
- c. Agape – the love of God
- d. Eros – this is a sexual love that we see alluded to in Song of Solomon the context of 1 Corinthians 13 is that of "c", Agape love.

#### **Questions**

1. Share a memory or time when you felt loved.
  - a. What kind of love was it from our understanding above?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13. What are the "religious" actions or gifts that are mentioned in verses 1-3? (there are 6)
3. What is the worth of all of these things if love is absent?
4. If a believer demonstrated all or even some of the things that Paul mentions, how would we view them?
5. Is it possible then that we can go through the motions and have others perceive us as something other than we actually are?

6. Verses 4 to 7 give a very detailed description of love. Again, this is the love of God which we are to have within us. Take a moment and each person re-read the passage to themselves and insert their name where ever it says love. Eg – Josh is patient, Josh is kind...Does it resonate with you or are there things that you need to change?
7. Verse 6 contrasts “delighting with evil” against “rejoices with the truth,” Why do you think Paul contrasts evil with the truth instead of evil with what is good?
8. Verse 8 and 9 again focus in on “religious” actions and gifts compared to love. Describe what you think these three religious things are. There are a few verses to help your understanding.
  - a. Prophecies or prophet – Deuteronomy 18:18
  - b. Tongues – 1 Cor. 14:2-5 address both prophecies and tongues
  - c. Knowledge – Colossians 2:2-3
9. Paul compares our journey in faith to our growth from child to adult. In what ways do we continue to grow in our faith?
10. Right now we only see in part and know in part. Why do you think Paul says this?
11. Paul finishes with the idea of only three things remaining; Faith, Hope, and Love. Faith and Hope are powerful emotions or ideals. What do they mean to you? What do you think they mean in context here?
12. Why do you think the greatest is love?

**Mark your calendars:** Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup>:

Anniversary Service (of our first year at St. Raphael)  
with guest speaker Gerry Lougheed Jr.

Lantern Lighting 6 p.m.  
to commemorate the Lord’s leading  
in our church community

Superbowl Party following  
Sign up at the Welcome Centre on Sunday to bring  
wings or pizza (or accompanying snacks) and  
enjoy some football in the courtyard or in the auditorium