

## Freedom In Christ Church Newsletter



# Teach Me: Love Unconditional Part 3 Do Everything in Love

Proverbs 3:3–4: Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.

To love unconditionally ultimately means to do everything in love. Center all things around love so that you may be a reflection of our Lord Jesus Christ. To do this we must understand what love is and what love is not. Thankfully, the apostle Paul laid out the specifics for us in 1 Corinthians 13

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 - Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

It always protects – always trusts – always hopes – always perseveres – Love never fails.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 NIV

The Bible is a user's guide to this thing called life. All the answers are inside waiting to be discovered. Even nonbelievers have heard the Love chapter. However, hearing and listening are two different things. Listening requires action. We are to not only be hearers of the Word but doers of the Word.

I once heard this passage read in a way that forever changed my life and the way I view love. My brother, whom is an anointed pastor, taught me how to convert this very passage into a powerful faith statement over ourselves. I have since many times over gone back and used this as a confession to re center myself and refocus my motives so that it all leads back to love...

I am patient I am kind I do not envy I do not boast I am not proud I do not dishonor others I am not self-seeking I am not easily angered I keep no record of wrongs. I do not delight in evil but I rejoice with the truth I always protect I always trust I always hope I always persevere I never fail I am love

My hope for this three-part devotional series is that you have found a deeper, more intimate understanding of what it means to love unconditionally, to love like Jesus.

I believe this is true; our love walk is one that we can improve on every day until the day we are home on high. I pray you have been encouraged to strive for perfection in your love walk because the love we are called to imitate is perfection. Perfect love. When we live in love, we live in God's favor and His all-mighty grace.

Now is the time to get before your God and recommit yourself to love unconditional. When we come to our Father and humble ourself and bring with us a prepared and ready heart, God will meet you where you're at. Whether

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you are already great at living a life of love or you are just starting out, all the Lord needs is a willing heart and He will take you the rest of the way.

I want to encourage you to verbalize your commitment before God. Make effort to create lasting change in your heart. Making goals for yourself is a great tool to achieving the ultimate goal. Which is to love like Jesus. It is important to identify the areas where you are strongest and weakest. Have an honest conversation with the Lord. Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and to show you how God wants you to love. I pray this has been a time of refreshing for you. Stay strong in the Lord. And, do everything in love.

Sister Leah Hockenberry



#### Pleading the Blood

"Pleading the blood" is an actual legal term. Think of it like a lawyer pleading his case before the judge. He presents evidence and facts to support his case. We have examples of this term in the Old Testament (1 Samuel 24:15; Psalm 43:1).

When the accuser says we're guilty, our plea before God, the Righteous Judge, is the blood of Jesus. It changed everything. The blood of Jesus established a new and better covenant between us and a holy God (Hebrews 8:6-7, 9:11-14, 22, 12:24).

The blood is our defense. It declares we are not guilty but free from all penalty of sin. The blood also gives us the authority and dominion to resist Satan and put him out of all the affairs of our lives and our families' lives.

Because of Jesus' sacrifice at Calvary, the devil has no legal right to interfere in our lives anymore. He says we're guilty; we "plead the blood!" (James 4:7;

1 John 3:8; Luke 10:19). We have every right and provision to walk in victory through the precious blood of the Lamb.

Every day you have the right to exercise that authority by pleading what the blood of Jesus has done for you. Refuse to give the enemy even one small inch of territory. Satan is a defeated foe and through the precious blood of Jesus we are victorious!

-Pastor John Pogue



#### Pray without Ceasing

When we look upon Jesus' life and ministry, we notice the importance of His prayer life.

For instance: When Jesus was baptized in the Holy Spirit He withdrew to the mountains to fast and pray for 40 days and nights. During Jesus' ministry He separated (isolated) Himself to be with His Father in prayer.

For instance: Jesus' heartfelt prayer to His Father for the church before His crucifixion is in John Chapter 17 as you read this chapter you actually sense the oneness He had with the Father.

For instance: In the garden before His crucifixion Jesus was in prayer with His Father, though He agonized of what was to come, He knew what the Father's will was for Him. He submitted. (give over or yield)

For instance: The book of Luke emphasizes the intimacy between the Father and His Son. Jesus lived in communion with His Father, followed the Father's purpose and remained faithful to the Father's will.

Jesus modeled for us a life of trust and dependence on our heavenly Father.

Now the Apostle Paul did not walk with Jesus when He was on the earth. He did not see the miracles nor did he hear firsthand Jesus' teachings. Paul had an interesting

encounter with Jesus. Jesus refocused Paul's life in a new and powerful way for His kingdom.

Paul had said (1Cor. 14:18) "I pray in tongues more than anyone of you", he was a prayer giant. Paul received revelation and knowledge through praying in the Spirit. Many of his epistles to the church had come from his prayer life, The Word, communion, and obedience to God.

In light of Jesus' and Paul's ministry we hear our Pastor encouraging us to increase our prayer time, looking at the times we are living in now, seems to answer why.

This is God's time for harvest explosion. It is a crucial time for our church to position ourselves (submit) in prayer and supplications that what God has planned for our church be fulfilled. This is our prophetic year 2021 manifesting in the Power of God.

Let the Glory of the Lord rise among us. Prayer prepares us for the harvest, we are one (the Body of Christ) in love and harmony supporting our Pastors and each other. My brothers and sisters we have work to do for God's kingdom. Pray without Ceasing......

Sister Marsha Williams

\*"Never live in a lesser place than where God has called you to and He has called you up on high to live with Him". \*Smith Wigglesworth Manifesting the Power of God





A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

John 13:34-35 NKJV

#### KIDZ KORNER

FREEDOM IN CHRIST CHURCH OFFERS FIRST CLASS CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES! BABY SPARKZ NURSERY: CHILDREN AGES NEWBORN TO 3 YEARS OF AGE - BABY SPARKZ NURSERY IS AVAILABLE FOR OUR SUNDAY MORNING AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICES AND INCLUDES A TODDLER CLASS FOR AGES 4-5 ON SUNDAY MORNINGS. BOTH AGE GROUPS OF LITTLE ONES WILL BE TAUGHT THE BASIC FUNDAMENTALS OF KNOWING AND LOVING GOD THROUGH CREATIVE AND FUN WAYS DESIGNED TO KEEP THE CHILDREN'S ATTENTION AND MAKE A LASTING IMPACT. ALL WHILE EXPERIENCING AN ATMOSPHERE OF CHRIST LIKE LOVE AND A SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE. NURSERY DIRECTOR: SISTER INAYAH POGUE PROGRAM FOR AGES 4-5: SISTER LISA DAYWALT

KIDZ IGNITING: SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES PROVIDE THE AMAZING KIDZ IGNITING PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AGES 6-12. PASTOR DANE POGUE USES THE CREATIVE AND EXCITING PROGRAM, KID NATION, TO CAPTIVATE OUR CHILDREN'S MINDS AND TEACH THEM THE POWERFUL WORD OF GOD. KIDZ IGNITING SERVICES FEATURE A KEYNOTE PRESENTATION, SKITS, GAMES AND TICKET INCENTIVES WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO WIN PRIZES EVERY WEEK. KIDZ IGNITING IS ALSO AVAILABLE DURING OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE. OUR WEDNESDAY NIGHT KIDZ IGNITING PROGRAM IS TAUGHT BY A TEAM OF FOUR TEACHERS. CHILDREN'S PASTOR: PASTOR DANE POGUE WEDNESDAY NIGHT TEACHERS: SISTER MARSHA WILLIAMS, BROTHER RANDY AND SISTER SHERRY MILLER, AND SISTER DEBBIE BEST

PASSION YOUTH GROUP: HOSTED IN THE UPSTAIRS PORTION OF PASTOR JOHN AND SISTER LESLIE'S HOME FOR AGES 13-18. PASSION YOUTH GROUP OFFERS A SMALLER SETTING WITH A WARM AND WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT. WE HAVE AIR HOCKEY AND FOOSBALL TABLES AND A HANGOUT AREA TO RELAX AND FELLOWSHIP. PASTOR DANE PREACHES THE TRUTH IN LOVE TO OUR YOUTH AND TACKLES THE BIGGEST AND MOST CHALLENGING ISSUES WE FACE TODAY. PASTOR DANE'S APPROACH OF NOT HOLDING BACK HAS CHANGED THE LIVES OF MANY YOUTH OVER THE YEARS. PASSIONATE, POWERFUL, ENLIGHTENING AND LIFE CHANGING SERVICES, WEEK AFTER WEEK. ABOVE ALL ELSE, PASTOR DANE IS DEDICATED TO TEACHING THE WORD OF GOD AND HOW TO KNOW GOD, LOVE GOD AND EXPERIENCE GOD.

YOUTH PASTOR: PASTOR DANE POGUE

AS FREEDOM IN CHRIST CHURCH CONTINUES TO GROW, SO DOES KIDZ IGNITING, PRAISE THE LORD! WE ARE BUILDING A TEAM OF SUPPORT STAFF FOR BOTH KIDZ IGNITING AND OUR BABY SPARKZ. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THIS INCREDIBLE TEAM, CONTACT TO PASTOR DANE OR SISTER INAYAH.



#### Name That Hymn

When peace like a river attendeth my way When sorrows like sea billows roll Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say...



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GIVE, AND YOU WILL RECEIVE. YOUR GIFT WILL RETURN TO YOU IN FULL-PRESSED DOWN, SHAKEN TOGETHER TO MAKE ROOM FOR MORE, RUNNING OVER, AND POURED INTO YOUR LAP. THE AMOUNT YOU GIVE WILL DETERMINE THE AMOUNT YOU GET BACK. LUKE 6:38



#### **Upcoming events**

### **Pantry of Hope** Food and loose change Sunday First Sunday of every month

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It is Well with My Soul

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