### My number one goal in

life is . .



"Let **love** be your chief aim" (I Cor 14:1).

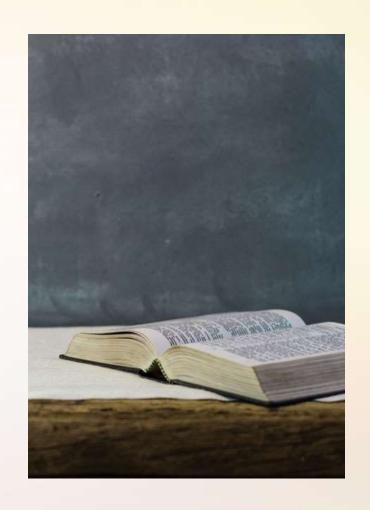




WHY?



Because God is love and He wants you to be like Him!





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# 1 CORINTHIANS 13

— The Love Chapter —



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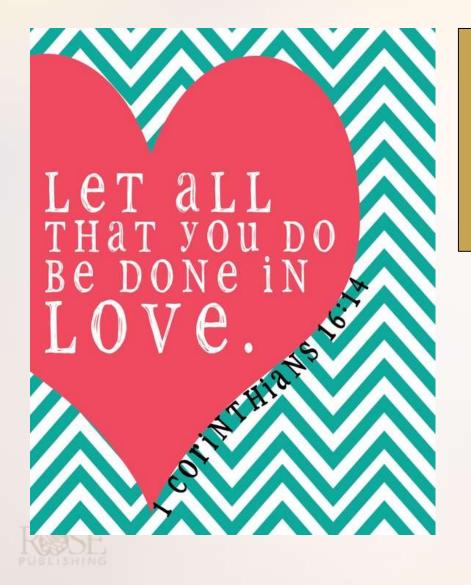
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Discerning
GOD'S WILL

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:28-30



"Let <u>everything</u> you do, be done in love!" (NLT)



### BEGIN WITH A DEFINITION

### AGAPE

 Agape = selfless, unconditional, deep love that Christ embodied.

#### It is:

- the love that God has for creation,
- for Christ
- for those who believe
- and the love we should have for one another!



THESIS:

Five Things the Bible says about Love

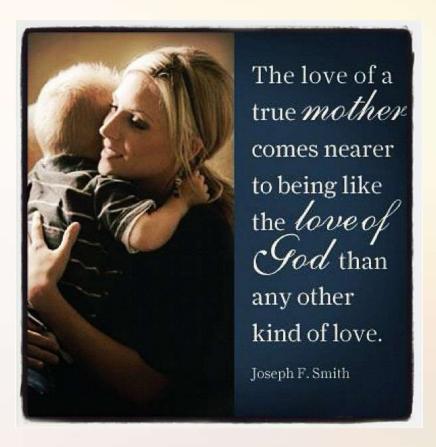






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God is the source of all love

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### Relationships can hurt.

- Often, there is distrust, pain, anger, misunderstanding, isolation, and abuse in relationships.
- Result? Fear.





"We know that we rely upon the love that God has for us" (I John 4:16a). NIV



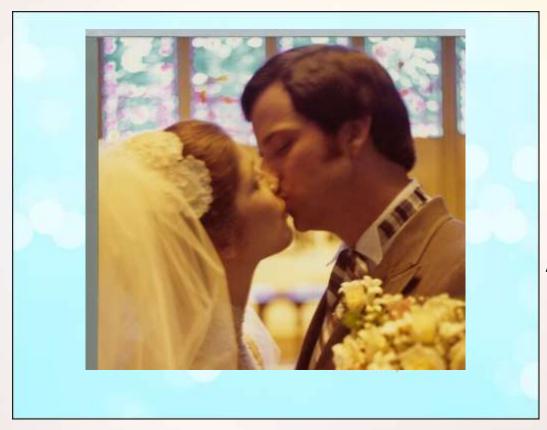


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40<sup>th</sup>
Wedding
Anniversary

**Deuteronomy 30:19-20** 



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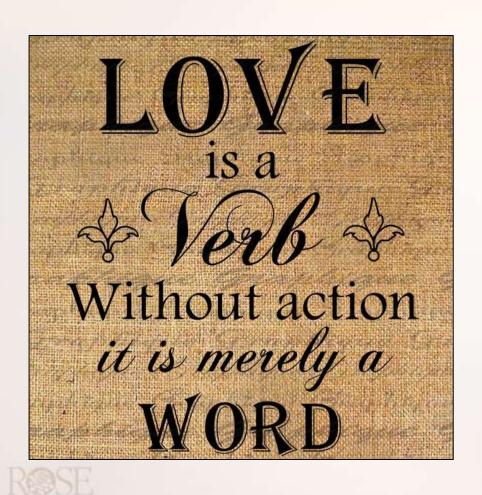


Is a command!

You <u>can't command</u> emotion!



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"Let us not love with just words, but with action and truth" (I John 3:18).

"Faith without works is dead" (Jas 2:14).

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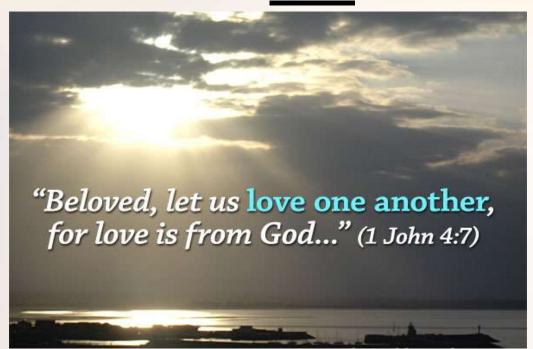
"You have left your first love!"

## Three fold solution:

- 1. Remember
- 2. Repent
- 3. **Do** the things you did at first.



### #4. Love is a skill.



"Dear friends, let us *practice* loving each other."

"Practice these things, and devote yourself to them, in order that your progress may be seen by all" (I Tim 4:15).

(Todays English Version)



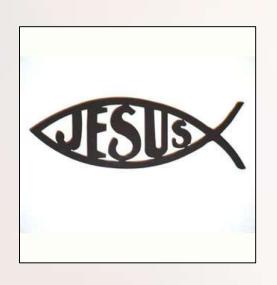
#5. Love is a <u>habit</u>. It should become a <u>lifestyle</u>.

"If you only love those who love you, what credit is that to you (Luke 6:32)?"

"Continue to love each other with true Christian love" (Heb 13:1).



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