

40 Days of Love - Week 1
LOVE MATTERS MOST
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“Teacher, what is the most important commandment in the Law?”
Jesus answered: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind.
This is the first and most important commandment. The second most important
commandment is... Love others as much as you love yourself. All the Law of
Moses and the Books of the Prophets are based on these two commandments.”
Matthew 22:36-40 (CEV)

THREE IMPORTANT LAWS OF LOVE

1. The Best Use of Life is Learning to Love

➤ **Love Validates My Faith**

Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love... We love
because God first loved us... For we cannot love God, whom we have
not seen, if we do not love others, whom we have seen.
1 John 4:8, 19-20 (TEV)

➤ **Love Integrates My Life**

Love is more important than anything else. It is what ties everything
completely together.
Colossians 3:14 (CEV)

➤ **Love Eliminates Offenses**

Above all, keep your love for one another at full strength, since love
covers a multitude of sins.
1 Peter 4:8 (HCSB)

He canceled the record that contained the charges against us. He took
it and destroyed it by nailing it to Christ's cross.
Colossians 2:14 (NLT)

➤ **Love Reverberates Forever**

These three things continue forever: faith, hope, and love. And the
greatest of these is love.
1 Corinthians 13:13 (NCV)

No matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt
without love.
1 Corinthians 13:3 (MSG)

2. The Best Expression Of Love is Giving Real Time

We must show love through actions that are sincere, not through empty
words.
1 John 3:18 (GW)

Live a life filled with love for others, following the example of Christ, who
loved you and gave himself as a sacrifice to take away your sins.
Ephesians 5:2 (NLT)

3. The Best Time To Love is Right Now

Whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone...
Galatians 6:10 (NLT)

Whenever you possibly can, do good to those who need it. Never tell your
neighbors to wait until tomorrow if you can help them now.
Proverbs 3:27-28 (TEV)

Homework

Small Group Assignment: Watch teaching Session 1, “Love
Matters Most” by Rick Warren, follow along in the study guide and
discuss with your Growth Group attenders.

Personal Reading Assignment:

Read *The Relationship Principles of Jesus* pages 11-18 TODAY,
begin MONDAY, Jan. 18th with Chapter 1, as we all read the
scriptural truths about love. Then read a chapter each day as
your daily habit for the next 40 days in learning to love as God
does!

This Week's Memory Verse:

Let love be your highest goal!
1 Corinthians 14:1 (NLT)