

**FAMILY LIFE CHURCH OF THE VALLEY  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY**

**REFERENCE: FROM THE BOOK OF RICK WARREN**

**TITLE: 40 DAYS OF LOVE**

**SESSION ONE: LOVE MATTER MOST**

**KEY VERSE: LET LOVE BE YOUR HIGHEST GOAL 1 CORINTHIANS 14:1 (NLT)**

**The Bible can be summarized in one word: relationship.**

**Three Reasons Why Love Needs to Be Your Number One Priority**

**1. Love is the \_\_\_\_\_ in life.**

Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Matthew 22:37-39 NLT)

Get the message: relationship—love—is what matters most in life.

The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." (Galatians 5:14 NIV)

**Human love wears out, but God's love lasts forever.**

**2. Love is the \_\_\_\_\_ of life.**

**If I don't live a life of love...**

**Nothing I \_\_\_\_\_ will matter.**

If I could speak in any language in heaven or on earth but didn't love others, I would only be making meaningless noise like a loud gong or a clanging cymbal. (1 Corinthians 13:1 NLT)

**Words without love are worthless.**

**If I don't live a life of love...**

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I may have the gift of prophecy. I may understand all the secret things of God and have all knowledge...if I do not have love, then I am nothing. (1 Corinthians 13:2 NCV)

**Brilliance without love equals zero.**

**If I don't live a life of love...**

**Nothing I \_\_\_\_\_ will matter.**

Even If I had the gift of faith so that I could speak to a mountain and make it move, I would still be worth nothing at all without love. (1 Corinthians 13:2 TLB)

**Faith without love does not matter.**

**If I don't live a life of love...**

**Nothing I \_\_\_\_\_ will matter.**

If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body...bit if I didn't love others, I would be of no value whatsoever. ( 1 Corinthians 13:3 NLT)

**Giving is not necessarily loving.**

**If I don't live a life of love...**

**Nothing I \_\_\_\_\_ will matter.**

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

**Relationships are more important than accomplishment.**

**3. Love is the \_\_\_\_\_ in life.**

There are three things that will endure—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love. (1 Corinthians 13:13 NLT)

**God has shown us how to leave a lasting legacy—fill your life with love.**

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**DISCOVERY QUESTIONS**

1. "I love ice cream. I love my kids. I love those shoes."  
What does this tell us about the meaning of the word "love"?

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2. Who is the most loving person you have ever known, and what did their life looks like?

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3. What practical advice do you think they would give about how to show love to the people in your life?

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4. Pastor Rick said that if we don't live a life of love, nothing we say, know, believe, give, or accomplish will matter. Which of the five speaks to you the most? How can you improve in that area?

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