

Dear God...
Building a Love that Lasts
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God showed how much He loved us by sending His one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him. This is real love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

1 John chapter 4 verses 9 & 10 (943)

- Real love is shown
- Real love serves
- Real love is a commitment

You have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.

Galatians chapter 5 verse 13 (893)

- Real love lays aside its rights
- Real love serves
- Real love finds satisfaction in this & does this without complaining or drawing attention to itself

Be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Ephesians chapter 4 verse 2 (896)

- Real love is humble
- Real love is gentle
- Real love is patient
- Real love forgives

Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins. 1 Peter chapter 4 verse 8 (936)

- Real love does not abuse or manipulate
- Real love is an ongoing commitment
- Real love doesn't necessarily forget, but at least it doesn't bring up the past when it remembers it
- Real love sees with honest eyes and chooses to keep loving anyway

Continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

1 John chapter 4 verses 7 & 8 (936)

- Real love is only possible because of God
- Real love in my life is proof that I am a follower of Christ & vitally connected to Him
- A lack of real love in my life should be a warning sign to me

Next weekend: When Love Breaks your Heart