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the Cruciform life

FIRST CORINTHIANS

Reflections

Oh, my love, You been crying, oh, honey, baby, please
We can work it out. Can't survive unless you're next to me
And all my life, before I met you, when I was trying hard in love
I thought the sun was going down, but the sun was comin' up

All those others that I stayed with, their eyes are polished stone
And all my devils that I made deals with so I wouldn't have to sleep alone
And all my life, before I met you, when I was trying hard in love
I thought the sun was going down, but the sun was comin' up

I see your face in the window,
I see your face in the reflections of the moon
I feel my own ancient shadows disappear when I am near to you
So take this heart, take this feeling, take my dark and reeling mind
From these poor words find a meaning far deeper than these clumsy lines

- Josh Ritter, *Thunderbolt's Goodnight*

One theme we've returned to in this series is that we don't understand love and tend to look for it in the wrong places. As a consequence, even in our most sincere and romantic gestures, we can set one another up for disappointment. This is a beautiful love song written by Josh Ritter. Imagine how the meaning changes if instead of sung to one another, this was your song to Christ.

- John Rankin Wilbourne

'Vase of Flowers' by Jan van Huysum, 1722; Oil on panel

'Cruciform' logo by Jesse Wu

Scripture

1 Corinthians 12:31b-13

³¹ And I will show you a still more excellent way.

¹ If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.


⁸ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

¹³ So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.


Sermon

Cruciform Love: Love Works

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Events & News

Orphan Care: All In, February 11

Take a deep dive into 'why' and 'how' to get involved with children in the foster care system. This four-week class draws from scripture-based curriculum that is focused on the need for homes, mentors, and volunteers. 9:00 AM SAMOHI or 3:30 PM St. John's.

Father + Daughter Date Night, February 17

Dads, are you interested in spending some fun, quality time with your daughter? We've made it easy for you! Join us for a special night of festivities, including dinner and dancing, at the church office. Ages newborn - 6th grade. Space is limited.

Global Missions Info Session, February 25

This year, PCC is sending teams all over the world to support our short-term global mission partners. Learn more about upcoming trips by joining us for an info session after all three services.

View and sign up for all events on our mobile app, on our website, PacificCrossroads.org/Events, or speak with someone at the 'New Here?' tent.

Ministry Resources

Pastoral Care

Our pastoral care team is here to care for you if you are in a difficult place. Email pastoralcare@pacificcrossroads.org or call our office at 310.551.0081.

Celebrate Recovery

Join together weekly with others to celebrate God's healing power in our lives. Visit PacificCrossroads.org/CelebrateRecovery.