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**1 CORINTHIANS 13:4b**

### LOVE FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 13

1. LOVE is perfectly DEFINED and PERSONIFIED by God’s ACTIVITY in the GOSPEL.
2. True LOVE is only the result of the HOLY SPIRIT’S presence in the life of the CHRISTIAN.
3. LOVE is not the end goal → it is a vehicle used to GLORIFY God and BUILD up the CHURCH.
4. MAN is neither the CREATOR, nor the CULTIVATOR of LOVE in his own life, and thus, WE do not get to determine whom we LOVE.

### KEY DEFINITIONS

- LOVE does not ENVY.
  - *Defined:* Acting out on what we DO NOT have.
  - *Practiced:* We WANT what others HAVE and don’t WANT them to HAVE the things we DON’T.
- LOVE does not BOAST.
  - *Defined:* Acting out on what we HAVE been GIVEN.
  - *Practiced:* We CELEBRATE ourselves by BRINGING others DOWN.

### CASE STUDIES

- LOVE does not ENVY.
  - *NEGATIVE:* Solomon and the mothers (1 Kings 3:16-27)
  - *POSITIVE:* Jonathan and David (1 Samuel 20:1-17)
- LOVE does not BOAST.
  - *NEGATIVE:* Nebuchadnezzar brought low (Daniel 4:28-33)
  - *POSITIVE:* Jesus humbles Himself (Philippians 2:1-11)

### LOVE IN ACTION

1. STOP comparing and START celebrating!
2. REMEMBER your condition and REJOICE in the CROSS.

### LOVING WITH YOUR LIFE: 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8

(YOUR NAME) is patient and kind; (YOUR NAME) does not envy or boast; (YOUR NAME) is not arrogant or rude. (YOUR NAME) does not insist on (YOUR NAME) own way; (YOUR NAME) is not irritable or resentful; (YOUR NAME) does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. (YOUR NAME) bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. (YOUR NAME) never ends.