



FEBRUARY 18, 2024 | 8:40 AM

**STRONGER TOGETHER**  
WHAT IS LOVE?

**What's Going On in the Family**

*Glorious Day*

**Song for the Offering:** *Trust in God*

**Prayer for the Offering**

*Trust in God (reprise)*

**Sermon**

*Stronger Together: What Is Love?*

**Communion:** *Thank You Jesus, for the Blood*

**Invitation**

**Song of Response:** *Gratitude*

**Recognition of Decisions**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

Karen McAmis

Stanfill/Curran/Ingram/Smith

Lake/Brown/Wong/Furtick

Hector Ray

Lake/Brown/Wong/Furtick

Blake Bengé

Gayle/Knight

Blake Bengé

Hastings/Lake/Bowe

Blake Bengé

Jon Nahlen

**INVITATION TO RESPOND**

- Comment on Facebook
- Share this worship service on your social media
- Email a decision or prayer request to [info@snydermbc.com](mailto:info@snydermbc.com)
- As comfort and common sense allows, reach out to your next door neighbors. Be a neighbor. Share and show Christ.

Are you visiting with us today? Just scan the QR code for more info. We'd love to get to know you!



SCAN ME

**STRONGER TOGETHER**  
WHAT IS LOVE?

We are in a series entitled Stronger Together. We are focusing on those relationships that bring strength to us and those around us. Loving marriages make for strong families, strong churches and strong communities. Being Stronger Together means an understanding of God-size love and wisdom in dating. Today we are going to explore both.

**God-size Love**

John 4:7-12

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### Discerning Mythical Love from Genuine Love

Mythical Love is chasing a \_\_\_\_\_.

Genuine Love is making \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Attractions and Interest

Mythical	Genuine
Main attraction is _____. Stays superficial	Attraction moves from appearance to attitude; from physical to _____. 1 Peter 3:3-4
Attractors are _____ but can be strong initially.	Attractions are _____ and expanding. Strong eventually.
Interest in each other comes and goes.	Interest evens out and becomes consistent.
Overall attitude is one of _____. Exchange and owing.	Overall attitude is one of sharing and _____. Nothing owed. John 15:13
Blind. Places the one loved on a pedestal.	Clear-eyed. Places no one on a pedestal. Exodus

#### Personal Growth

Mythical	Genuine
Disorganizing and destructive effect of one's personality, passions and gifts. _____ of who they are.	A focusing and constructive effect on one's personality, passions and gifts. _____ of who they are.
Comes to live in a one person world. Number of relationships/friendships _____.	Comes to live in an expanding world. Number of relationships/friendships _____.
Many family and friends are leery of or _____ of the relationship.	Most family and friends approve. Many are _____ for you.
Disagreements _____ the relationship, tend to increase in frequency and intensity.	Disagreements create greater _____ and tend to decrease in number and lessen in intensity.

#### The Journey

Mythical	Genuine
Starts Fast	Starts Slowly Song of Songs 2:7, 3:5, 8:4
Fraught with frequent and severe _____	Growing confident _____. 1 Corinthians 13:4, 7
Dies with distance	_____ separation. It may even grow.
May end _____	It will end _____. If at all.

Whether you have been married for years, never married nor want to be, or are beginning to date, we all need to ponder the God-size love into which we have been invited. And we all should care about those around us who are dating. As we give guidance and encouragement to those dating, may the profound truth of I John 4 and these small insights help all of us as we grow Stronger Together.

Other sources consulted: *Sex, Love or Infatuation: How Can I Really Know?*

- Ray E. Stuart

## TAKE IT WITH YOU

*I have always thought the actions of men the best interpreters of their thoughts.* ~John Locke

The well-known idiom **actions speak louder than words** is true. If our hearts embrace *real love* then we will respond with *real love* to others. Loving is not always easy and involves time and sacrifice. We like to believe ourselves to be generous but often we are more generous with our 'things' than our 'time'.

**This is how we know what real love is: Jesus gave His life for us. So we should give our lives for our brothers and sisters. . . My children, we should love people not only with words and talk, but by our actions and true caring.** <sup>1</sup> John 3:16,18 NCV

Jesus gave the ultimate sacrifice for us ~ His life on the cross! Scripture says *we should give our lives* for others. How can that be? Our giving does not have the power to pardon sin, but with Christ we are empowered to forgive, to listen, to love, to reach into another's pain, to touch another's grief, to celebrate another's joy. With Christ, we speak His love through genuine kindness and with a sincere heart.

Scripture tells us over and over to love God, to love with our whole heart, to love one another. It also reminds us not to love the world or the things of the world. Love comes from God, and we only know how to love because God loves us. Authentic, true love marks the heart of a Christian. For us today, **to lay down our lives** for another can mean that we simply postpone an errand, decide to skip a movie, or lay down any personal agenda to help another in need.

**Lord ~ It is so hard to believe in Love so real! It is hard to accept Love so pure! You are Perfect Love given to me. Words come and go, heard and not heard, written and forgotten, but when I love others in their ordinary days, touching their everyday wounds and weaknesses, dilemmas and decisions, fears and failures ~ I am loving You and offering Your Love to others. Use me, Lord! Amen.**

~ Donna Oswalt

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **SWOP'S (SNYDER WOMEN OF PURPOSE) WINTER BIBLE STUDY - A STUDY ON COLOSSIANS - BE**

**COMPLETE:** You have two choices of times to attend - Monday evenings from 6:30 - 8pm (started on February 12) and Thursday mornings from 9:30 - 11am (started on February 15). Books will be available at the meeting. Cost: \$10

**SAVING SPIRITUALS FOR SUPPER:** Wednesday, February 21 during dinner. Music will be provided by Snyder Music Academy students and instructors. We are celebrating our rich heritage of African-American spirituals and will hear favorites sung and played on various instruments. Make your reservation by Tuesday, February 20 at 5pm.

**SNYDER WOMEN OF PURPOSE (SWOP) - LIFEBOOKS FOR FOSTER CARE CHILDREN:** This mission project for women and youth girls will be held on Saturday, February 24, from 9am - 1pm in the Parlor. Please sign up by calling the Church Office by Wednesday, February 21.

**COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SNYDER STUDENTS:** Check out *The Bell* this week for great information about the ten scholarships available and how to apply. There is also information about additional scholarships given.

**WELCOME TEAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Welcome Team volunteers aim to welcome and serve people on Sunday mornings! Whether it's holding a door with a smile, helping someone find a seat, or handing out bulletins, our goal is to help people connect to Snyder and Discover God. If you are interested, join us on February 25 at 12:30 for lunch and training in the Parlor. Those already serving in this capacity are invited as well.

**MILITARY CONNECTIONS DINNER ON FRIDAY, MARCH 8:** 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Active duty military and their spouses are invited for a night of connection and encouragement. Childcare is available for 5th graders and under by reservation only. Scan the QR code in the Bell or visit [www.snydermbc.com/military](http://www.snydermbc.com/military). RSVP by February 28.

**ANNUAL SPRING GROUNDS WORKDAY:** Saturday, March 2; 8:30am - 12:30pm. Families are encouraged to participate. Notebook sign up in the Gathering Hall.

**CHURCH SECURITY TEAM:** We are reaching out to see if you are interested in being a part of this team. Each team member is scheduled for one Sunday each month for 1 -2 hours. Contact Ed Parker at (910) 309-8556 if you are interested.

**SAVE THE DATES:**

February 22 - Bread 'N Bowls Purchase tickets at FAOIAM.ORG/BNB  
February 25 - Sign up begins for the March 16 Operation Inasmuch Blitz Day.

## HOW TO GIVE TO SNYDER MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

### Cash or Check

- by mail or dropping off to Finance Office
- Automated Bank Draft on the 5th or 20th of the month - contact Finance Office to acquire forms for draft set up

### Online (computer, mobile phone, tablet)

- Go to [www.snydermbc.com](http://www.snydermbc.com); select "Giving & Tithing | Online" from the menu; enter the information (if you are already in our database, you can login; otherwise you can continue as guest)
- or*
- download the "Church Life" app to your mobile phone (you must already have a username and password for AccessACS - see below - in order to use this app). There is a link on the app to give, and it will take you to AccessACS; follow the instructions

**WE EXIST TO LEAD PEOPLE TO DISCOVER GOD, DEVELOP FAITH AND DISPLAY  
CHRIST-LIKE LOVE IN OUR ATTITUDES AND ACTIONS.**

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