

FEBRUARY 25, 2024 | 11:00 AM

STRONGER TOGETHER

WHAT IS LOVE? (PART 2)

Greeting

Mrs. Karen McAmis

Hymn 383

We Are God's People

SYMPHONY HYMN

Morning Prayer

Rev. Jon Nahlen

Yes I Will WITH We Will Glorify

Snyder Orchestra Cates

Hymn

Feature

Speak, O Lord

SPEAK, O LORD

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word.

Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness;

that the light of Christ might be seen today

in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.

Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.

Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see

Your majestic love and authority.

Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;

help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.

Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;

and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glory.

Sermon Pastor Blake Benge

Stronger Together: What Is Love? (Part 2)

Hymn of Response 296

Jesus Is Lord of All

LORDSHIP OF CHRIST

Offertory Prayer

Mrs. Pam Ancherico

Offertory Feature

A Million Notes

Sanctuary Choir

Choplin

featuring Carla Crenshaw, flutist

Recognition of Decisions

Pastor Benge

Spoken Benediction

Rev. Susie Reeder

Postlude

Snyder Orchestra

The Love of God

Kirkland

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- As comfort and common sense allows, reach out to your next door neighbors. Be a neighbor. Share and show Christ.

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STRONGER TOGETHER WHAT IS LOVE? (PART 2)

We are in a series entitled *Stronger Together*. We are focusing on those relationships that bring strength to those around us and to us as individuals. Loving marriages make for strong families, strong churches and strong communities, so being *Stronger Together* means wisdom in dating.

Discerning Mythical Love from Genuine Love

Mythical Love = chasing a _____.

Genuine Love = 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.	Attractors are and expanding. Strong eventually. Proverbs 31:25-31
Interest 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; Ephesians 5:21
Blind Places the one loved on a pedestal	Clear-eved Places no one on a pedestal Exodus 20:3

Personal Growth

Genuine

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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 and tend to increase in frequency and intensity.	Disagreements create greater, and tend to decrease in number and lessen in intensity.

The Journey

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Mythical	Genuine
Starts Fast	Starts Slowly Song of Songs 2:7, 3:5, 8:4
Fraught with frequent and severe 1 Corinthians 13:4	Growing confident 1 Corinthians 13:7
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 beginning to date, we all should care about those around us who are dating.

As we give encouragement or guidance to those dating we will grow **Stronger Together**.

Resources consulted:

Sex, Love or Infatuation: How Can I Really Know? by Ray E. Stuart

Mythical

Recommended Resources:

Love & Respect by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs (Book); Sacred Marraige by Gary Thomas (Book); What Happy Couples Know by Andy Stanley (YouTube)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPERATION INASMUCH BLITZ DAY - SATURDAY, MARCH 16: Sign up will begin this Sunday! You can check out the list of projects in this week's *The Bell* or you can go to Snyder's website.

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 today at 12:30 for lunch and training in the Parlor. Those already serving in this capacity are invited as well.

MILITARY CONNECTIONS DINNER: 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. RSVP by February 28.

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. Deadline for applying is February 29.

OUR CHURCH SECURITY TEAM is 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.

ANNUAL SPRING GROUNDS WORKDAY: Saturday, March 2; 8:30am - 12:30pm. Families are encouraged to participate.

Financial Ministry Assistant / Bookkeeper (full-time) needed in the Church Office. Contact Geron Gambill,

WE ARE HIRING:

Church Administrator at (910) 484-3191 or gerong@snydermbc.com Custodian Help - Full-time or part-time, days or evenings/weekends. Contact Linwood Smith at (910)

624-2744 or linwoods@snydermbc.com.

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; 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

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