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***Because you can't do life alone
...even though you may want to!***

The Greatest Aim of Life is **LOVE**.

*“Three things will last forever,
faith, hope, and love –
and the greatest of these is love.
Let love be your highest goal.”
1 Corinthians 13:13-14:1a (NLT)*

Why is love so important?

Because...

- Without love what I say is **INEFFECTIVE**.

“If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or clanging cymbal.” 1 Corinthians 13:1 (NLT)

- Without love what I believe is **INCOMPLETE**.

“If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing.” 1 Corinthians 13:2 (NLT)

- Without love what I give is **INSUFFICIENT**.

“If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing.” 1 Corinthians 13:3 (NLT)

“Most of all, let love guide your life...” Colossians 3:14 (TLB)

How do I get started?

Remember...

1. Love is an **ACTION**.

“Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.” 1 John 3:18 (NIV)

2. Love is a **CHOICE**.

“Dear friends, let us 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 4:7-8 (NLT)

3. Love is a **COMMITMENT**.

“Love will last forever.” 1 Corinthians 13:8b (NLT)

4. Love is a **COMMAND**.

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:34-35 (NIV)

Keep the Conversation Going...

1. How do you define love? How does the Bible define love?
2. Read John 15:13. Is living out the Bible's definition of love easy or hard for you? Explain.
3. What is the difference between *saying* you love someone and *actually* loving Them? (Refer back to 1 John 3:18)