



## Pt. 1: Unending Love

Questions for further study and application:

- Day 1 Read 1 John 4:8. Love is defined by the author of love, God, and He says love is unending. John 3:16 says, God loved you so much that He gave His one and only Son. The key word in this verse is gave; He is demonstrating love by giving. This means, you cannot love without giving. The current world view of love is not derived from a starting point of giving, but instead it starts with taking. What would love look like in your life if it started with giving?
- Day 2 Read 1 Corinthians 13:13. When you think about our culture's definition of love, you very often hear of it ending, but that's not the way God has defined love for us. In this verse, it says love will last forever. Unending love begins when you make a choice to not base your love on feelings, but to, instead, love like Jesus. How can you accomplish this? A great place to start is by making a choice to love others even when they make it hard to love them. Make a choice at the beginning of your day to wake up and love as a giver, not a taker.
- Day 3 Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. Three of the most powerful words anyone can ever hear is "I love you." Even better, tell someone why you love them. Think about someone in your life that you love. What do you love about them? Is it their compassion for others, their personality, their integrity, or their capacity for love? When you think about the people you love, it's likely you're thinking about why you love them. Whatever that is, be bold and tell them why you love them. Just as you read in the scriptures today, love never fails. You can't make a mistake by telling someone you love them. It may be the very thing they need to hear today.
- Day 4 Read 1 John 3:18. Take another step in embracing unending love not by just saying I love you, but showing the people that are most important to you that you love them. Pastor Rick Warren says, "If love were just an emotion, then God could not command it. But love is something you do. It can produce emotion, but love is action." Let's be real. The action of showing love takes work, effort, and sacrifice. Demonstrating love doesn't have to be grand over the top gestures. It can be simple, like an inexpensive bouquet of flowers, or their favorite candy, or a cup of coffee just the way they like it. What are some practical ways you can show love to your spouse, your kids, your best friend, or your parents?
- Day 5 1 John 4:19 says, we love because he first loved us. In order to experience unending love, you must receive it every day. Start your day with God and thank Him for His constant unwavering love. Whenever you might be doubting His love; remind yourself that God constantly forgives and continuously loves you. His love is steadfast, which allows you to show love, even when it seems difficult. Read Psalm 63:3 NLT. His unfailing love is better than life! Praise Him today for His unending love.

## What's New?

Waters Edge just finished serving a night at PORT, an organization that houses and feeds the homeless in Hampton Roads. Did you know we have service opportunities for Groups to love on our cities? Stay tuned for serving opportunities!