

## LOVE LIKE A FATHER

“HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS” SERIES – PART 1 OF 3

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JOHN 3:16–17 NIV

...**God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son**, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

THE VOICE OF GOD THE FATHER SPEAKING TO JESUS IS AUDIBLE 3 TIMES.  
IN 2 OF THE 3 HE SAYS THE SAME THING!

***“This is my son, whom I love. In Him I am well pleased.”***

(HIS BAPTISM: MATT 3, MARK 1, LUKE 3) (HIS TRANSFIGURATION: MATT 17, MARK 9, LUKE 9)

Words have **the power of** \_\_\_\_\_.

PROVERBS 18:21

**The tongue has the power of life and death...**

### ***GIVE LIFE...*** IN WORDS OF LOVE...

1. Be \_\_\_\_\_.

**TAKING THE TIME TO PREPARE YOUR WORDS IS AN ACT OF LOVE IN ITSELF.**

2. Be \_\_\_\_\_.

**YOU'RE AIMING TO ENCOURAGE. NOT IMPRESS.**

3. Be \_\_\_\_\_.

**THIS MUST BE MORE THAN WORDS. SPEAK THEIR OTHER “LOVE LANGUAGES”**

### **STORE UP LOVE...**

MATTHEW 12:34–35 NIV

**...the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.**

A good man brings good things out of the good **stored up in him...**

**IMAGINE WHAT YOU CAN BRING TO \_\_\_\_\_ IN YOUR HOME!**

## THE FIVE LOVE LANGUAGES — *A Simple Tool for Loving Others Well*

The “Five Love Languages,” introduced by Gary Chapman, offer a helpful way to think about how people most naturally *feel* loved. It’s not a rigid system, but a practical framework that reminds us to *pay attention to what speaks to each person’s heart*. Used wisely, this list can help us see that people experience love in different ways—and it encourages us to communicate care intentionally, not just in the ways that come naturally to us. It’s a simple reminder to love others in ways that truly build them up.

**Words of Affirmation:** taking the time to reflect so you can verbalize relevant praise, write a note of encouragement, or speak with timely appreciation

**Quality Time:** giving someone your full attention through conversation or intentional moments together – being in proximity without distraction counts!

**Thoughtful Gifts:** giving tangible tokens, gifts, experiences or gestures that require, and express, thoughtfulness. It’s the gift *and the thought* that matters!

**Acts of Service:** helping with tasks, meeting needs in to lighten someone’s load, showing awareness of their burdens

**Physical Touch:** expressing care & commitment with appropriate touch; hugs, a high five, intentional proximity, etc



### **‘YOU ARE SPECIAL’** MAX LUCADO

This is the book read by Pastor Nate today. Punchinello is covered in gray dots of judgment from other ‘wemmicks’. He feels worthless. Then one day he visits Eli the woodcarver, his creator, and he learns that his worth comes from a different source.



### **LIVE. RIGHT. HERE.** JAN 24, 2021

Pastor Nate teaches about living connected to Jesus, “The Vine”. Listen to another reading of the wemmick story and decide which time he did it better - haha! Then keep watching for deeper teaching on how to “climb the hill” to meet with your Creator Father.



### **THE BREATH OF LIFE** MAY 25, 2025

A recent message where Pastor Nate teaches through the Lord’s Prayer and describes how he personally spends time with the Father.