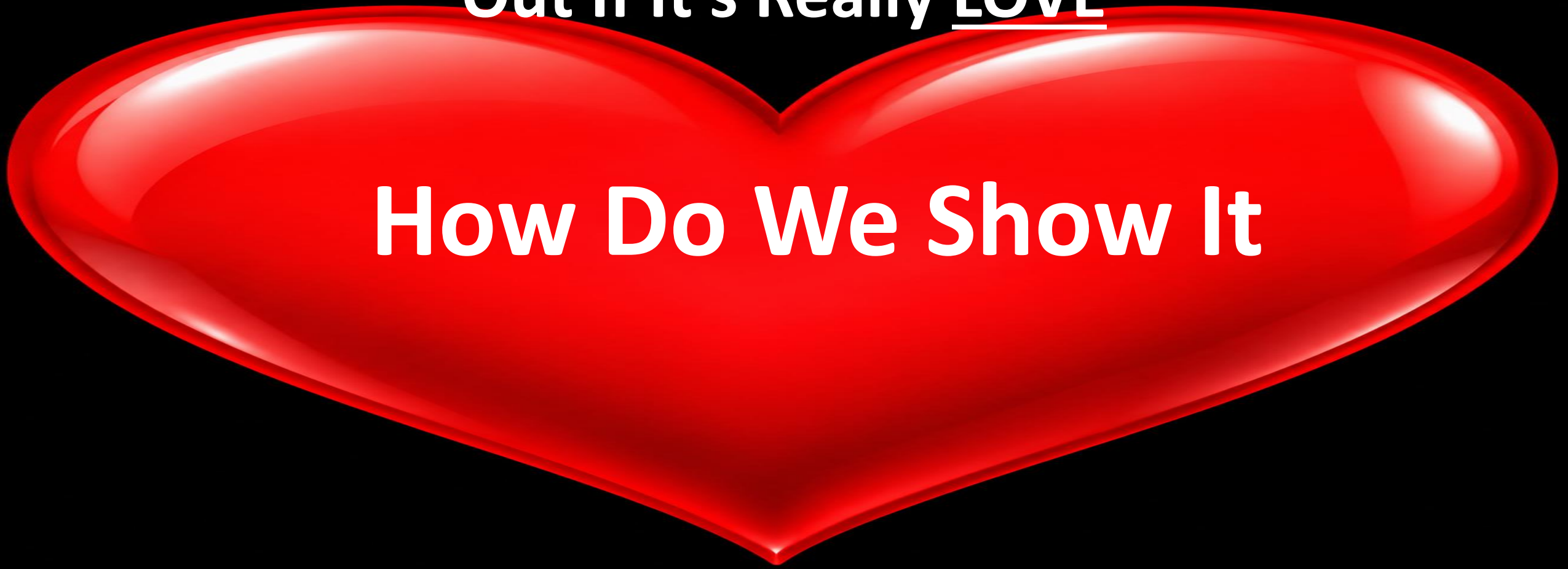
Life Will Deliver Some Moments When You Find Out If It's Really LOVE



Sometimes LOVE is Proven By What You're Willing To LOSE!

“Sometimes LOVE Has To Let Go”

Scripture Reading 1 Kings 3:16-28



Talk Is Cheap When It Comes To Love

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Scripture Reading 1 Kings 3

Vs 9: give to Your servant an **understanding heart to judge** Your people, that I may **discern between good and evil**

Vs 10 I have given you a **wise** and **understanding** heart

Solomon's Wisdom Tested (vs 16-28)

Vs 16 two women who were harlots **came to the king** with an issue

Vs 17-18 both **gave birth** no one was in the **house except the two of us**

Vs 19-22 during the night **one woman son died because she accidently lay on him**

Vs 23 And the king said, **"The one says, 'This *is* my son, who lives,** and your son *is* the dead one'; and **the other says,** 'No! But your son *is* the dead one, and **my son *is* the living one.'**

Vs 24 Then the king said, **"Bring me a sword."** So they brought a sword before the king. 25 And the king said, **"Divide the living child in two,** and give **half to one,** and **half to the other."**




If You Love It So Much Why Are You Willing To Destroy It Just To Keep It?




WHEN IT COMES TO LOVE

How Much Does Talk Cost?




Solomon Was Seeking To Reveal What Words Could Not

What Was In The Mother's Hearts

Sometimes You Don't Know What's In Someone's Heart Until Something They Love Is Threaten


WHEN THE
SWORD
CAME OUT
REAL LOVE
SHOWED UP

One Woman Was Willing To See The Child Destroyed

The Real Mother: Give him away, just let him live



Vs 26 Then **the woman whose son *was* living spoke** to the king, for she **yearned with compassion** for her son; and she said, “O my lord, **give her the living child,** and **by no means kill him!”**

Real Love Would Rather Lose Than Destroy



Are There Places In Our Lives Where We Harm The Thing We Love Trying To Keep It



I. Real Love Knows When To Stop Fighting



Rom 12:18 If it is possible, **as much as depends** on you, live peaceably with all men.

I CANNOT CONTROL EVERYBODY ELSE
WHAT IS IT THAT YOU CAN CONTROL!

The Pursuit of Peace Requires A Recognition

Peace Is Not Possible When Somebody Else Refuse It

We Never Compromise God's Word Just To Avoid Conflict

But We Must Ask Have I Don't My Part To Keep The Peace

"A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." Prov 15:1

SOME FIGHTS AREN'T WORTH WHAT THEY COST





Real Love Knows When To Stop Fighting



Phil 2:3 *Let* nothing *be done* **through selfish ambition** or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each **esteem others better than himself**

Sometimes The Most Loving Thing You Can Do Is Stop Talking

I Don't Have To Get My Way

Everybody Don't Have to Agree With Me

I Don't Have To Prove Everybody Else Wrong

Letting Go and ELEVATING Jesus Through Silence

John 3:30 He must **increase,** but I *must* **decrease.**

What Am I Fighting For

Give Her the Living Child: "WHAT WILL BE LEFT WHEN I WIN?

II. Real Love Knows When To Let Go



Sometimes we don't just want something we want it our way.

1 Cor 13:4-5 <u>Love</u> suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; 5 does not behave rudely, **<u>does not seek its own,</u>** is not provoked, thinks no evil

What Paul Didn't Say

Her Love For The Child <u>WAS GREATER THAN</u> Her desire to posses him

II. Real Love Knows When To Let Go



Lord, I Want It But I Want You More!

Lk 9:23 Then He said to *them* all, "**If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself,** and take up his cross daily, and follow Me

Surrender Isn't Much When I Give God What I Didn't Want Anyway

What Happens When Following Jesus Cost You Something You Enjoy

III. Real Love Knows When To Give Itself



Real Love Is Also About How We Live For Someone

1 John 3:16 "By this we know love, **because He** laid down His life **for us.** And we also ought **to lay down our lives** for the brethren

We Know Love By What Love Is Willing To Sacrifice

He Died For Me: What Am I Willing To Sacrifice For Him?



III. Real Love Knows When To Give Itself



Phil 2:8 and being found in appearance as a man, He **humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death,** even the death of the cross.
2 Cor 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though **He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor,** that you through His poverty might become rich.

Jesus Gave: His Strength, His Body, His Blood, His Life

Matt 26:35 Or do you think that **I cannot now pray to My Father**, and **He will provide Me with** more than **twelve legions of angels?**

Jesus Was Not Trapped: Not Weaker Than The Nails/Soldiers

Rom 5:8 But God **demonstrates His own love toward us,** in that while we were still sinners, **Christ died for us."**

The Cross: Not Saying It, Not Promising it but Demonstrating It



"Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; **but if it dies, it** produces much grain. **John 12:24**

There Are Times When Somebody Has To Give Up Something So Somebody Can Live




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HE GAVE HIS LIFE SO OTHERS COULD LIVE

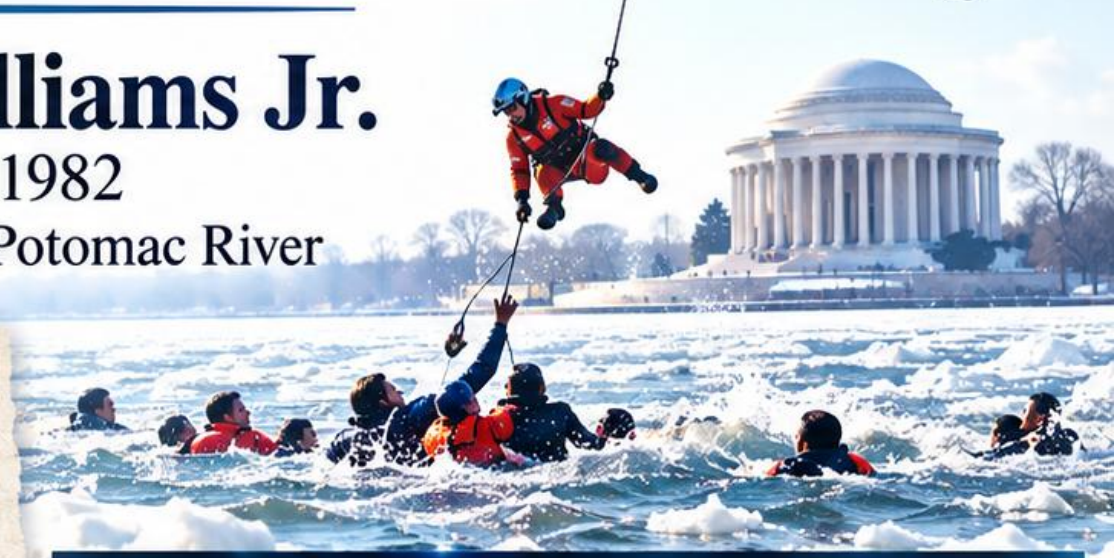
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"He gave his life that others might live."

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If Jesus Was Willing To Give His Life For Me

Why Am I Unwilling To Surrender My ___For Him?

Something Things Are To Precious To Destroy







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