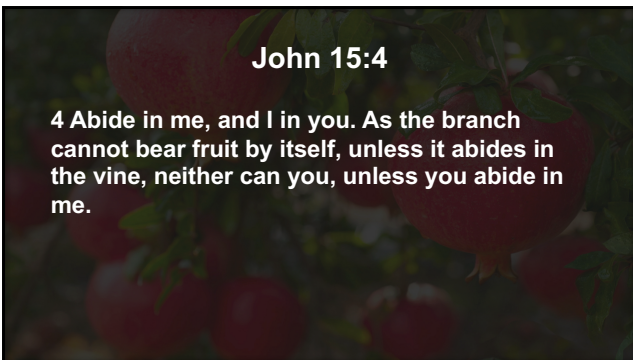
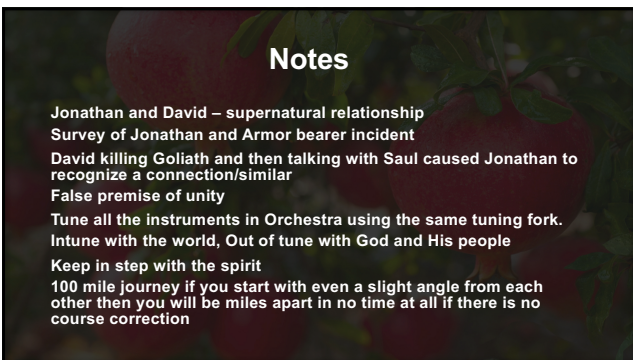




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Abiding

A continuous, intimate relationship with God. Believers are like branches connected to Christ, the vine, which highlights the necessity of remaining in Him for spiritual vitality.

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One fruit,
many seeds



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Fruit of Spirit and Acts of The Flesh

Acts of Flesh	Source	Fruit of Spirit
Sexual Immorality, Impurity, Debauchery, Orgies, Drunkenness	Body	Joy Self-Control
Idolatry, Witchcraft	Spirit	Faithfulness Goodness
Hatred, Fits of Rage	Soul	Love Gentleness
Selfish Ambition, Jealousy, Envy, Discord, Dissensions, Factions	Soul	Peace Patience Kindness

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Faith, hope, and love Intricately connected

Faith "pistis" is defined in Hebrews 11:1. "Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." Interestingly, hope is part of the definition of faith.

Hope "elpis" can be defined as "joyful and confident expectation of good." Notice that the word "confidence" is part of both definitions.

Love "agape" is greater because it is defined as God's life giving way of interacting with others. Love is other-oriented.

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Love is the Driving Force for the Christian

Love is patient, kind, and selfless, and it never fails. It is the driving force behind all Christian action and the evidence of genuine faith.

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Redefining Love

The western world's definition of love is based on warm emotions which inevitably leads to betrayal in relationships. God wants our definition of love to be founded on loyalty and self-sacrifice.

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Four Loves - C.S. Lewis

1. Storge (Affection)
2. Philia (Friendship)
3. Eros (Romantic)
4. Agape (Love of God)

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God's love

God's love is unconditional, eternal, and unchanging, while human love is often conditional, temporary, and can fluctuate based on circumstances. Additionally, God's love is sacrificial and seeks the best for others, whereas human love can be self-centered and limited

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1 Samuel 18:1-9

1 As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. 2 And Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. 3 Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul.

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Love in the Right Order

The essence of righteousness is love in the right order

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Sin is Disordered Love

“Sin is disordered love”
- Augustine of Hippo,
Confessions 400 AD

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1 Samuel 14:1-15

1 One day Jonathan the son of Saul said to the young man who carried his armor, “Come, let us go over to the Philistine garrison on the other side.” But he did not tell his father [Storge].
2 Saul was staying [KJV sitting] in the outskirts of Gibeah in the pomegranate cave at Migron. The people who were with him were about six hundred men,

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1 Samuel 14:1-15

3 including Ahijah the son of Ahitub, Ichabod's brother, son of Phinehas, son of Eli, the priest of the Lord in Shiloh, wearing an ephod. And the people did not know that Jonathan had gone.

4 Within the passes, by which Jonathan sought to go over to the Philistine garrison, there was a rocky crag on the one side and a rocky crag on the other side. The name of the one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh.

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1 Samuel 14:1-15

5 The one crag rose on the north in front of Michmash, and the other on the south in front of Geba. 6 Jonathan said to the young man who carried his armor, "Come, let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised. It may be that the Lord will work for us, for nothing can hinder the Lord from saving by many or by few [Agape]."

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1 Samuel 14:1-15

7 And his armor-bearer said to him, "Do all that is in your heart. Do as you wish. Behold, I am with you heart and soul." [Philia] 8 Then Jonathan said, "Behold, we will cross over to the men, and we will show ourselves to them. 9 If they say to us, 'Wait until we come to you,' then we will stand still in our place, and we will not go up to them.

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1 Samuel 14:1-15

10 But if they say, 'Come up to us,' then we will go up, for the Lord has given them into our hand. And this shall be the sign to us." 11 So both of them showed themselves to the garrison of the Philistines. And the Philistines said, "Look, Hebrews are coming out of the holes where they have hidden themselves."

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1 Samuel 14:1-15

12 And the men of the garrison hailed Jonathan and his armor-bearer and said, "Come up to us, and we will show you a thing." And Jonathan said to his armor-bearer, "Come up after me, for the Lord has given them into the hand of Israel." 13 Then Jonathan climbed up on his hands and feet, and his armor-bearer after him. And they fell before Jonathan, and his armor-bearer killed them after him.

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1 Samuel 14:1-15

14 And that first strike, which Jonathan and his armor-bearer made, killed about twenty men within as it were half a furrow's length in an acre of land. 15 And there was a panic in the camp, in the field, and among all the people. The garrison and even the raiders trembled, the earth quaked, and it became a very great panic.

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David and Jonathan Shared Faith in God

David	Jonathan
No specific word from God to fight Goliath	No Specific word from God to attack Philistines
Saul and Army intimidated by overwhelming odds	Saul and Army intimidated by overwhelming odds
"Who is this uncircumcised Philistine?"	let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised
David killed the lion and bear, Goliath will be like one of them	Jonathan attacked the Philistine outpost at Geba

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Matthew 10:34-36 NKJV

34 "Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. 35 For I have come to 'set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law'; 36 and 'a man's enemies will be those of his own household.'

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Matthew 10:37-39 NKJV

37 He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. 38 And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. 39 He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

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Disordered Love

The problem comes when our loves get out of order. It's not that we can't have storge, philia, and eros it is just that we can't have these loves before our love for God and His people.

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Disordered Love

Disordered love always leads to misery and breakdown. The only way to 'reorder' our loves is to love God supremely.

- Tim Keller

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1 John 3:16

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters

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John 15:4

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

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