



40 DAYS OF LOVE

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IT'S ALL ABOUT LOVE

Kick-off Sermon

Ngari Kariithi (based on sermon by Rick Warren)

"Let love be your highest goal." 1 Corinthians 14:1 (NLT)

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength... Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:30-31 (NLT)

*"**Do everything with love.**"* 1 Corinthians 16:14 (NLT)

THE BASICS OF LOVE

- WE LOVE BECAUSE _____
"Love comes from God...for God is love."
1 John 4:7-8 (NLT)

"We love because [God] first loved us."
1 John 4:19 (NIV)

"We know and rely on the love God has for us."
1 John 4:16a (NIV)
- LOVE IS A _____ AND A _____
"Choose to love the Lord your God... and commit yourself to him..." Deuteronomy 30:20 (NLT)
- LOVE IS _____, NOT JUST _____
"Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18 (NIV)

"Practice these things and devote yourself to them, in order that your progress may be seen by all."
1 Timothy 4:15 (GNT)
- LOVE IS _____
"[Love] always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails..."
1 Corinthians 13:7,8a (NIV)

"If you only love those who love you, what credit is that to you?" Luke 6:32 (NIV)

"Examine yourselves to see if your faith is genuine. Test yourselves. Surely you know that Jesus Christ is among you; if not, you have failed the test of genuine faith." 2 Corinthians 13:5 (NLT)

The Message paraphrase: *"Test yourselves to make sure you are solid in the faith. Don't drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourselves regular checkups. You need firsthand evidence, not mere hearsay, that Jesus Christ is in you. Test it out. If you fail the test, do something about it." 2 Cor. 13:5 (Mes)*

40 Days of Love Pre-Test ASSESSING YOUR RELATIONSHIPS

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|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Parents | 1 - - - 3 - - - 5 - - - 7 - - - 9 Poor Great |
| Marriage Prospects (If you'd like to marry) | 1 - - - 3 - - - 5 - - - 7 - - - 9 Poor Great |
| Spouse | 1 - - - 3 - - - 5 - - - 7 - - - 9 Poor Great |
| Relative | 1 - - - 3 - - - 5 - - - 7 - - - 9 Poor Great |
| Coworkers | 1 - - - 3 - - - 5 - - - 7 - - - 9 Poor Great |
| Neighbors | 1 - - - 3 - - - 5 - - - 7 - - - 9 Poor Great |
| Different/Difficult | 1 - - - 3 - - - 5 - - - 7 - - - 9 Poor Great |
| Children | 1 - - - 3 - - - 5 - - - 7 - - - 9 Poor Great |

Jesus: *"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*

John 13:35 (NRSV)

HOW TO BECOME GREAT AT RELATIONSHIPS

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

"And this is my prayer: that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and depth of insight."

Philippians 1:9 (NIV)