

THE GOSPEL AND LOVE
1 CORINTHIANS 13

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

LOVE

Love is patient,
love is kind.
It does not envy,
it does not boast,
it is not proud.
It does not dishonor others,
it is not self-seeking,
it is not easily angered,
it keeps no record of wrongs.
Love does not delight in evil
but rejoices with the truth.
It always protects,
always trusts,
always hopes,
always perseveres.

Love never fails.



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CHURCH OF CORINTH WAS GIFTED

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CHURCH OF CORINTH WAS FLAWED

Chapter 1 – Division and factions

Chapter 5 – Sexual immorality

Chapter 6 – Lawsuits

Chapter 8 – Inconsiderate use of personal freedom

Chapter 12-14 – Misuse of spiritual gifts



CORINTHIANS, YOU ARE NOTHING!

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3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, **I gain nothing**.

LOVE MUST BE OUR FOUNDATION

“SERVING GOD” DOES NOT MAKE YOU A CHRISTIAN

7: 21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but **only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.** 22 Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, **did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?**’ 23 Then I will tell them plainly, ‘**I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!**’

Balaam – Numbers 22

Judas – Luke 9

Saul – 1 Samuel 19

WARNING FOR US - WHY DO WE SERVE?

Did we not preach great sermons Lord?

Did we not have more bible studies compared to others Lord?

Did we not build a big church Lord?

Did we not have large crowds Lord?



LOVE IS OUR SPIRITUAL THERMOMETER

1 John 4:7-8 "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. **Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.**"

John 13:34-35 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. **By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.**"



ARE THEY DONE IN LOVE?

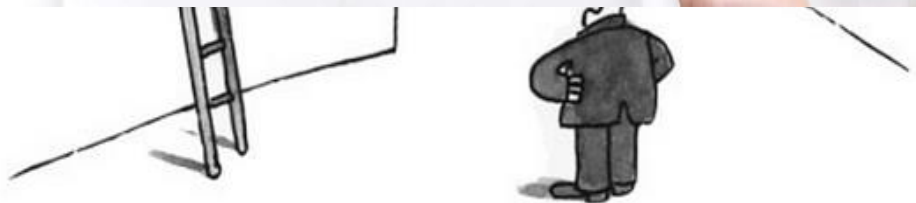
Our church ministries

Our parenting

Our careers

Our relationships

Our life



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1 COR 10:23-11:1

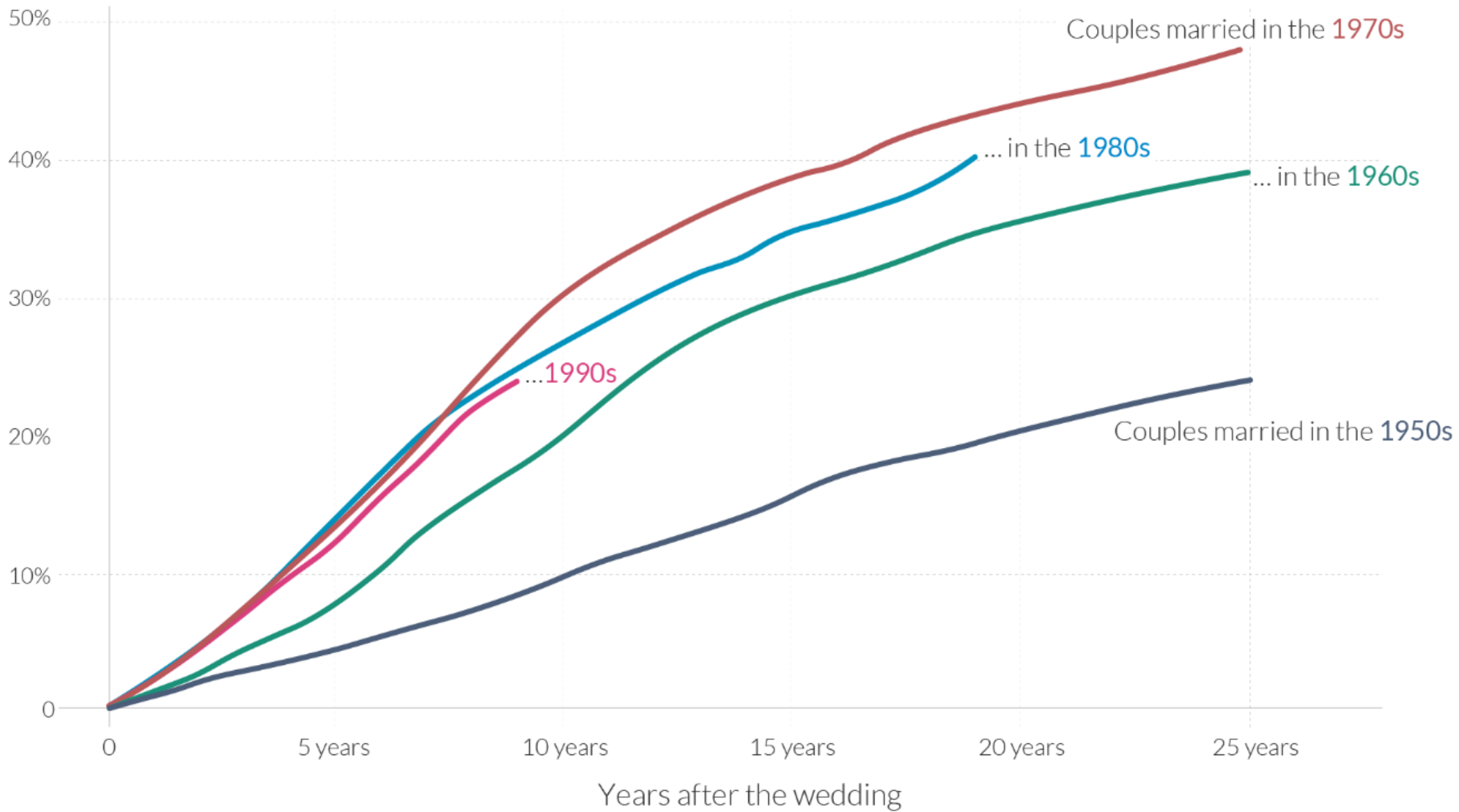
1. Love must be the foundation of our lives

WHAT IS LOVE?



Share of marriages ending in divorce in the US

Shown is the share of couples in the United States who were divorced a given number of years after the wedding, broken down by the decade of marriage e.g. "1950s" represents couples married between 1950 and 1959.



THE CHARACTERISTICS OF LOVE

13:4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears.

LOVE AS THE FOUNDATION OF LIFE

- Love is a deep affection for, a delight in, and **a commitment to act for the welfare of another without regard for their loveliness that often comes at great sacrifice to oneself.** – Sam Storms

WHAT IS LOVE?

15 verbs in 3 verses

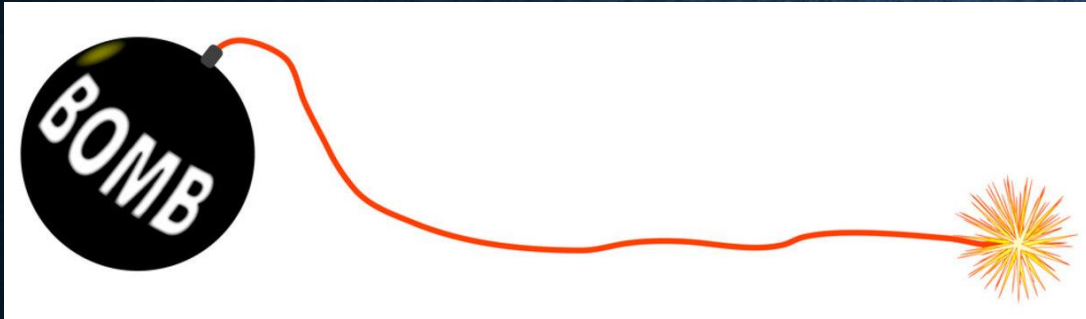
1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (ESV) Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

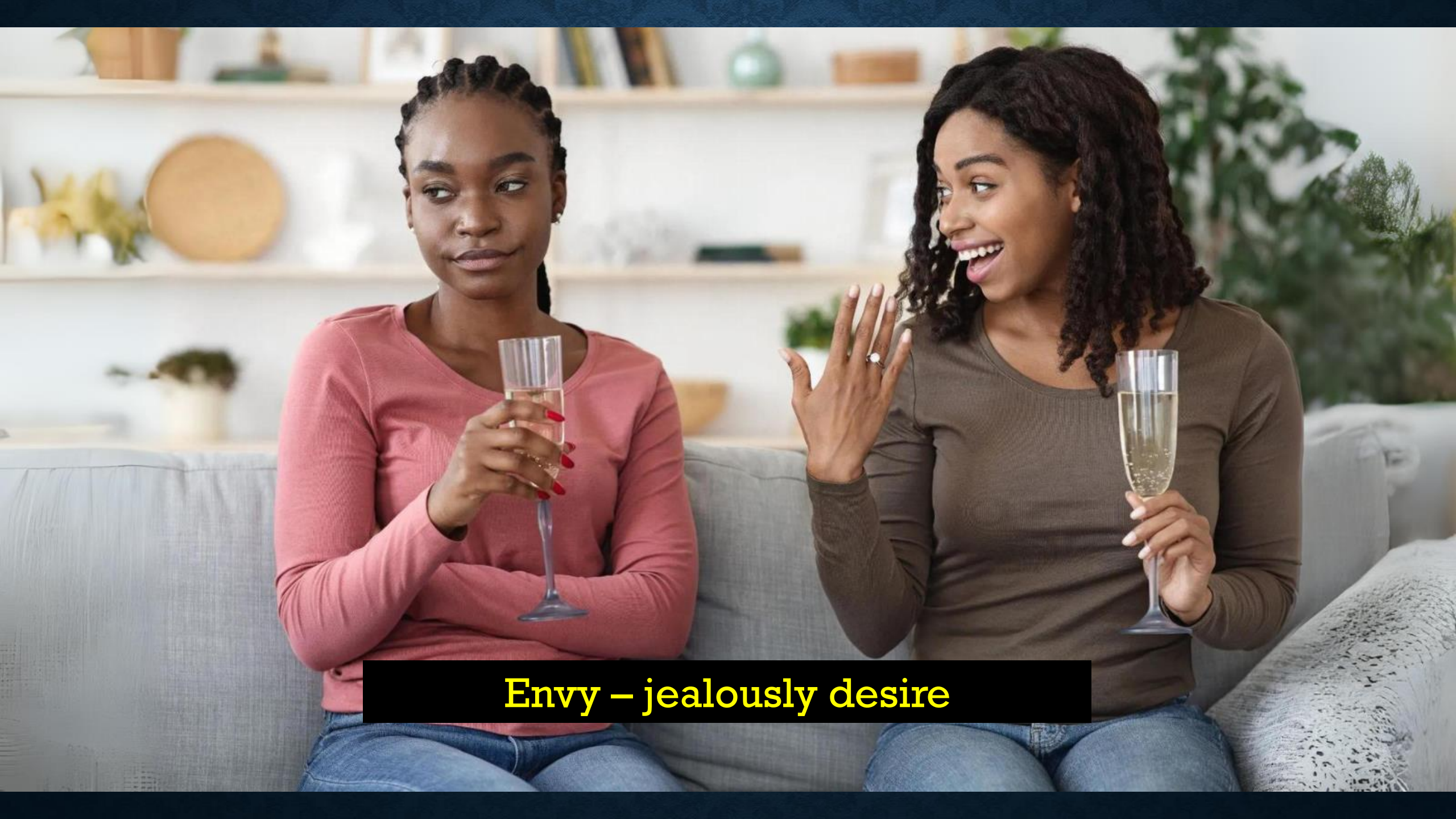
1. Love is dynamic and active, not something static.
2. Love is not an inner feeling or emotion.
3. Love is not conveyed by words; it has to be shown.
4. It can be defined only by what it does and does not do.



LOVE IS MORE THAN FEELINGS. IT IS ACTION

- Patient (suffereth long) – passive response, endure evils patiently, slow to react in a judgmental way
- Kind – active response in goodness toward others





Envy – jealously desire

BOAST – SELF PROMOTING



I single-handedly managed the successful upgrade and deployment of new environmental illumination system with zero cost overruns and zero safety incidents



I changed a light bulb

PROUD – DISSATISFIED WITH LIFE GIVEN BY GOD



DISHONOR OTHERS – BEHAVE SHAMEFULLY TOWARD OTHERS



SELF-SEEKING – SEEK THEIR OWN GOOD INSTEAD OF OTHERS



RESENTFUL



Does not delight in evil, rejoices with the truth



Love never fails



OUR EXPECTATIONS IN LIFE NEED TO DIE

- My need for a trouble-free life with no inconveniences must die.
- My demand for everything to operate on my schedule and according to my timing must die.
- My demand that people satisfy my needs and not irritate me must die.

LOVE REQUIRES SACRIFICE

WHAT LOVE IS NOT....

- Envy
- Boast
- Arrogant
- Insist on its own way;
- Irritable
- Resentful;
- Rejoice at wrong doing,

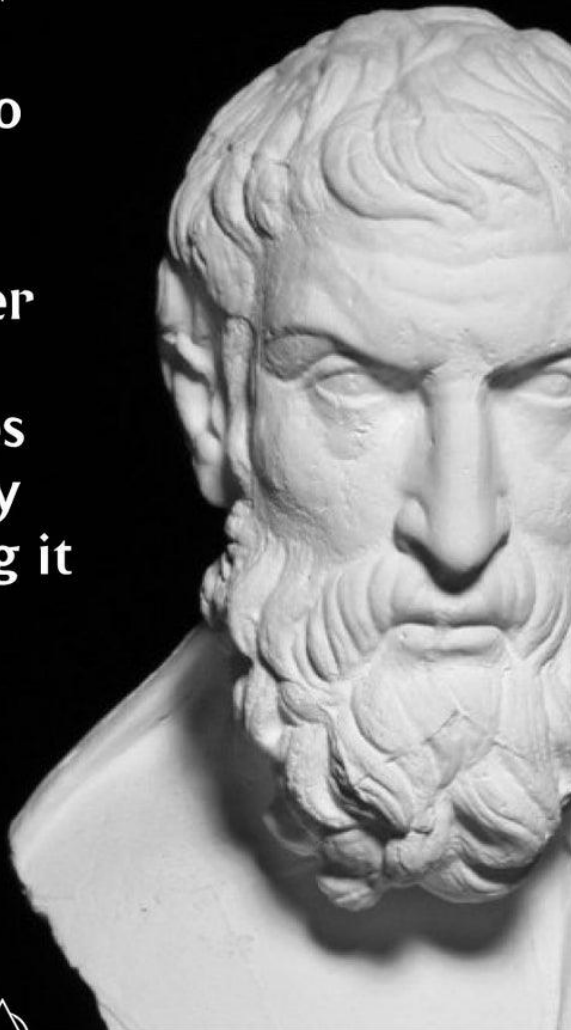
WHAT LOVE IS

- bears all things,
- believes all things,
- hopes all things,
- endures all things..
- rejoices with the truth

HOW CAN WE DO IT?

“If a person gave away your body to some passerby, you’d be furious. Yet, you hand over your mind to anyone who comes along, so they may abuse you, leaving it disturbed and troubled — have you no shame in that?”

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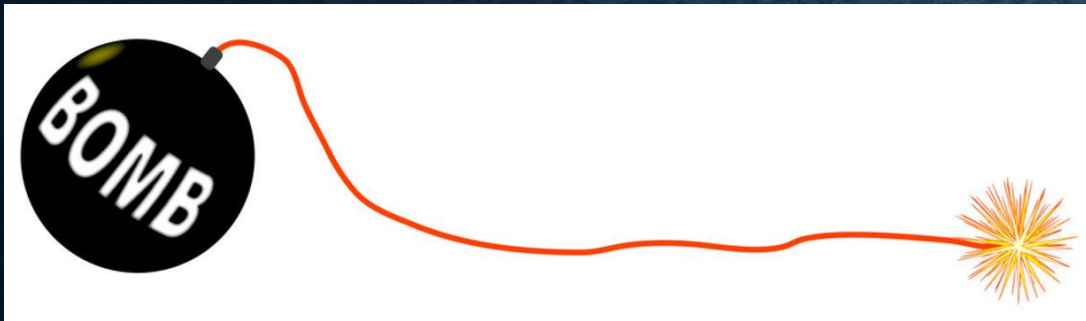
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2. Love is beautiful but difficult to practice
3. We try to earn love and always get hurt

WE WANT OTHERS TO LOVE US FOR OUR SAKE

- Patient (suffereth long) – passive response, endure evils patiently, slow to react in a judgmental way
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WE START OUT HOPEFUL

LOVE ANYTHING ...



...AND YOUR HEART WILL CERTAINLY BE WRUNG.



AND POSSIBLY BE BROKEN.



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IF YOU WANT TO MAKE SURE OF KEEPING IT INTACT,
YOU MUST GIVE YOUR HEART TO NO ONE.



WRAP IT
CAREFULLY
ROUND WITH
HOBBIES
AND LITTLE
LUXURIES.

AVOID ALL
ENTANGLEMENTS.

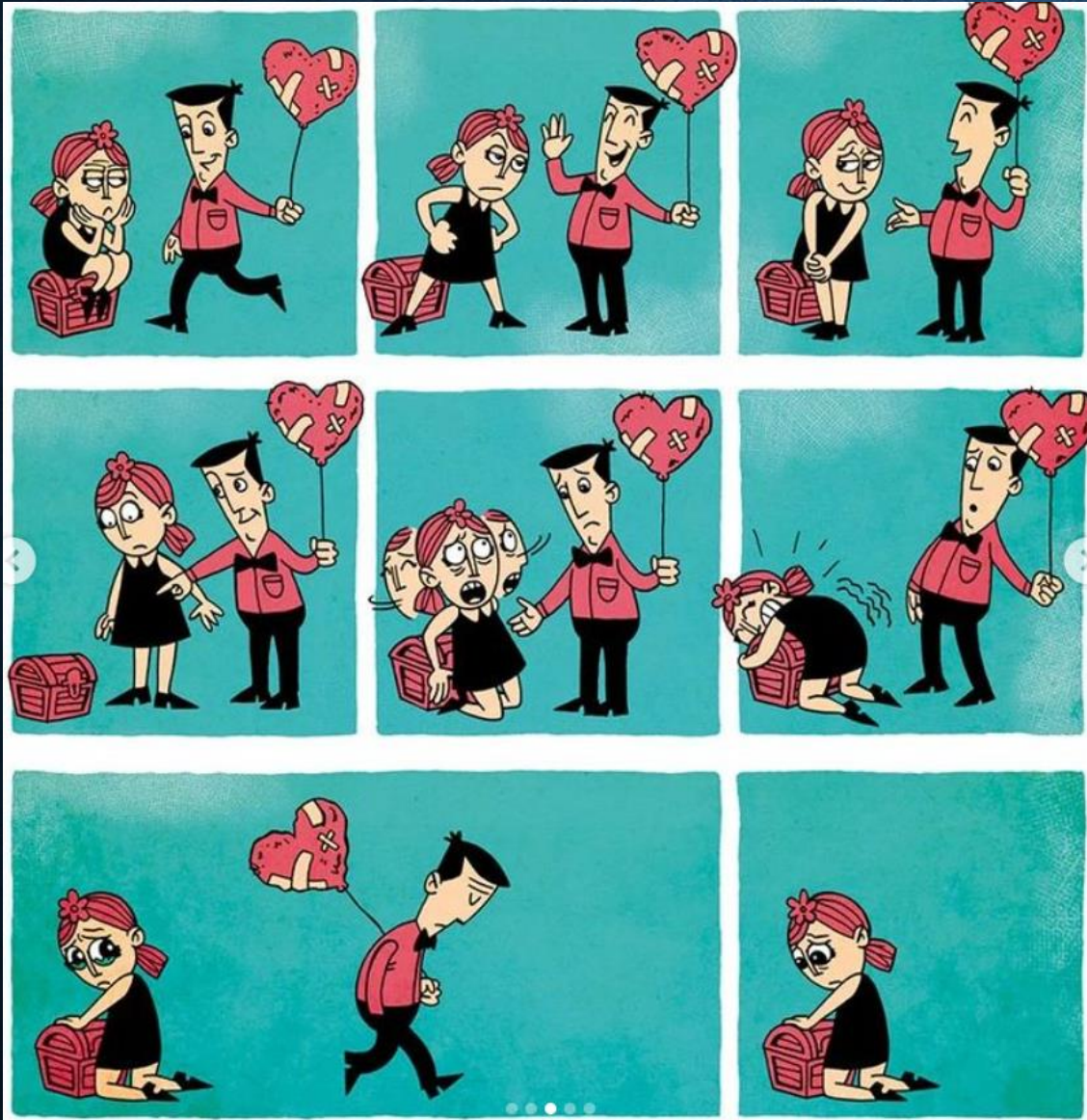
LOCK IT UP SAFE IN THE CASKET OR COFFIN OF YOUR SELFISHNESS.
BUT IN THAT CASKET - SAFE, DARK, MOTIONLESS, AIRLESS - IT WILL CHANGE.
IT WILL NOT BE BROKEN. IT WILL BECOME UNBREAKABLE, IMPENETRABLE ...

... IRREDEEMABLE ...

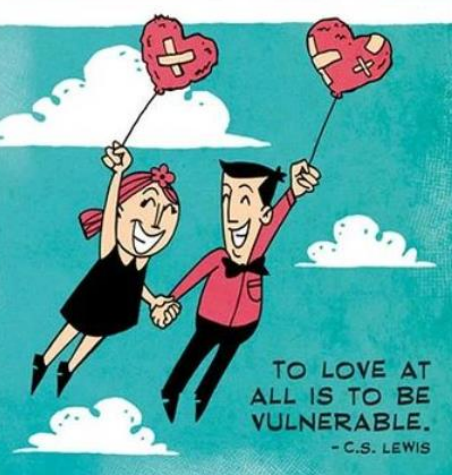
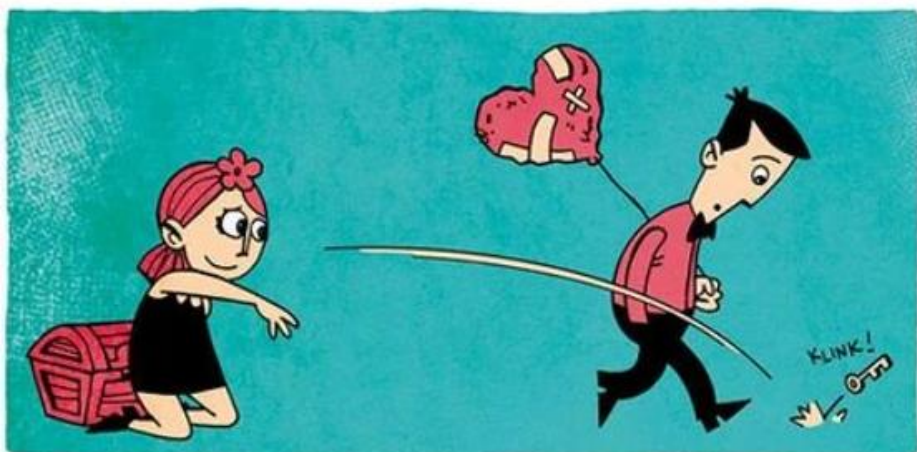


WE ALWAYS GET HURT

CHRIST CALLS US TO LOVE



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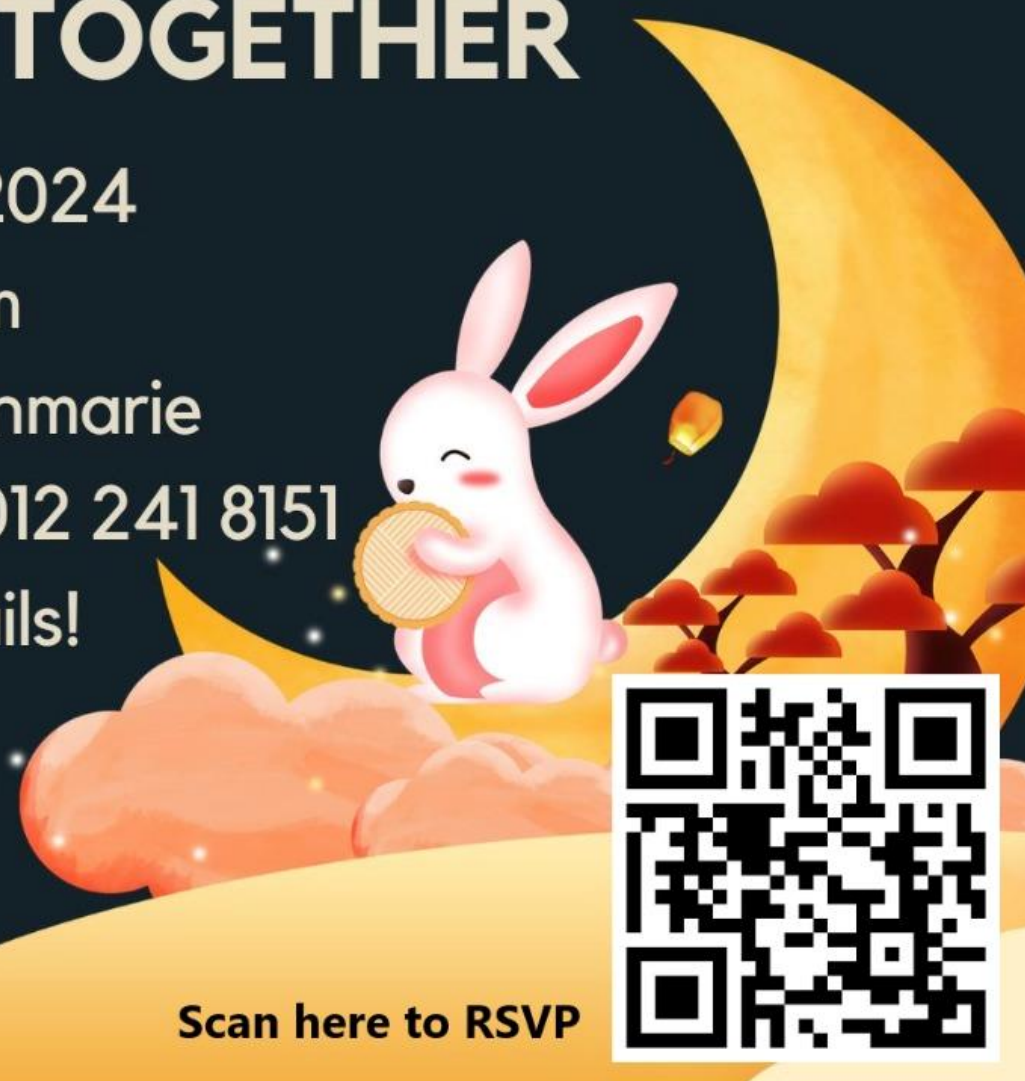
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2. Love is beautiful but difficult to practice
3. We try to earn love and always get hurt
4. We can only truly love when we experience Love.
Love never fails

LOVE MUST BE EXPERIENCED BEFORE IT CAN BE INTERNALIZED

Jesus is patient, Jesus is kind. Jesus does not envy, does not boast, is not proud. Jesus does not dishonor others, is not self-seeking, is not easily angered, Jesus keeps no record of wrongs. Jesus does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. Jesus always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

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TO LOVE AT
ALL IS TO BE
VULNERABLE.
- C.S. LEWIS

Benediction

John 13:34-35 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

May the love of Christ dwell richly within you, guiding your hearts and actions as you carry the new commandment of our Lord: to love one another as He has loved you. Through this love, may the world know that you are His disciples, and may His love, joy and peace abide with you now and always. Amen.