

### Faith, Hope, & Love

Faith is believing that God is who He says He is, that He will do what He says He will do, and living my life accordingly.

When we walk by faith, we face the reality of this life while trusting in the reality of God's existence and in the certainty of God's promises.

### Hope is the present confidence in a future reality.

### Love

"Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?"

Matthew 22:36 NLT

Jesus replied, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment.

Matthew 22:37-38 NLT

A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

Matthew 22:39 NLT

### The confirmation of our faith in God is our love for people.

The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."

Matthew 22:40 NLT

## Any act of un-love is sin. Any act of love is a reflection of God.

Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that his hour had come to leave this world and return to his Father. He had loved his disciples during his ministry on earth, and now he loved them to the very end.

John 13:1 NLT

Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God.

John 13:3 NLT

So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him.

John 13:4-5 NLT

After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, "Do you understand what I was doing?

John 13:12 NLT

You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because that's what I am. And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet.

John 13:13-14 NLT

I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.

John 13:15 NLT

Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them.

John 13:17 NLT

So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other.

Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.

John 13:34 NLT

Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

John 13:35 NLT

# The greatest version of me is when I am loving everyone around me.

# The greatest version of me is when I am loving you.

# The greatest version of you is when you are loving everyone around you.

### How we love makes what we believe more believable.

## Love is our greatest responsibility. Love is our greatest opportunity. Love is our greatest witness.

If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

#### 1 Corinthians 13:1 NLT

If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, l would be nothing.

#### 1 Corinthians 13:2 NLT

If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, l could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing.

#### 1 Corinthians 13:3 NLT

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude.

#### 1 Corinthians 13:4-5 NLT

It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out.

#### 1 Corinthians 13:5-6 NLT

Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

#### 1 Corinthians 13:7 NLT

Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.

#### 1 Corinthians 13:13 NLT

### Love isn't optional. It is essential.

# What does it look like to love our neighbors when we can't be with our neighbors?

#### LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS:

- 1. Love is praying.
- 2. Love is being responsible.
- 3. Love is expressive.
- 4. Be sensitive to the season.
- (Everyone has lost something.)
- 5. Love is generous.

If we are known for love, we will also be known for faith and hope.