

Pastor's Pen

More Than A Feeling: Choosing To Love

"Love is patient, love is kind, is not jealous, does not brag, is not puffed up " (1 Cor 13.4).

Most of us have heard 1 Corinthians 13 described as the love chapter, and it is all about love. It is probably the most-read Scripture at weddings. While it does pertain to love between husbands and wives, that is not the focus of the love Paul is describing.

Paul wrote 1 Corinthians 13 to a church struggling with pride, division, and selfishness. He focused on how believers should love each other and how love must define all Christian behavior. When Jesus was asked what the greatest commandment was, He responded, **"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the great and foremost commandment. And the second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself** (Mat. 22:37-39)." However, Jesus added one more command for all Christians, **"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another"** (John 13:34-35).

In 1 Corinthians 13, we see the blueprint for loving others, both believers and non-believers. In a world that often defines love by feelings, convenience, or mutual benefit, Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 13 provide a radical contrast.

This kind of love, agape love, is not based on what we get, but on what we give. It's not momentary affection; it's daily, deliberate action.

Your shepherd,
Pastor Mark

Grace Gems

Devoted to Her Husband

John MacArthur from his article *The Profile of a Godly Mother*

Contrary to popular opinion, the most important characteristic of a godly mother is her relationship, not with her children, but with her husband. What you communicate to your children through your marital relationship will stay with them for the rest of their lives. By watching you and your husband, they are learning the most fundamental lessons of life—love, self-sacrifice, integrity, virtue, sin, sympathy, compassion, understanding, and forgiveness. Whatever you teach them about those things, right or wrong, is planted deep within their hearts.

That emphasis on marriage was very evident between Elkanah and Hannah. They were dedicated to the faithful worship of God (1 Samuel 1:3), and they were dedicated to loving one another (1 Samuel 1:4-8). Their situation—being unable to have children together—was like an open wound. But it was an experience that drew out of Elkanah tender expressions of love for his wife.

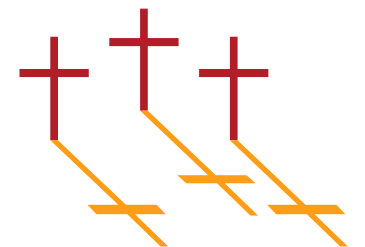
At a particularly low point in Hannah's discouragement, Elkanah comforted his wife with these words: **"Hannah, why do you weep and why do you not eat and why is your heart sad? Am I not better to you than ten sons?"** (1 Samuel 1:8). That may not seem like a tremendous comfort to you, but he was appealing to the satisfaction they enjoyed in their marriage. Notice the effect: Hannah was encouraged—she started to eat and drink again (1 Samuel 1:9), and she went to the temple to seek the Lord (1 Samuel 1:9-11).

That's the kind of marriage to which a godly mother is devoted—dedication to loving God, dedication to loving one another. That's the soil where godly mothers grow and flourish.

<https://www.gty.org/library/articles/A301/the-profile-of-a-godly-mother>

Quote of the Week

"Most men are what their mothers made them."
- Charles Spurgeon



Weekly Gatherings

Bible Classes

Old & New Testament Classes
Ladies Class
Young Adults Young Parents
Youth Surge
Sunday Morning @ 9:00AM

Weekday Meetings

Mondays | 7PM Men's Book Study
Fridays | 6AM Men's Book Study
Wednesdays | 6:30PM AWANA

Family Groups

Thursdays @ 7PM
Please see website for locations

Build the Body Teams

If you would like to serve on a BtB Team and need to sign up, please contact the team leader at the appropriate email address on the back of this bulletin.

Youth Study

Wednesdays @6:30PM
Youth Study; AWANA & Surge!

Service Times

Sunday School 9:00AM
Children's Church 10:30AM
Sunday Services 10:30AM

Giving from service on 05/04/2025

General Offering	\$10,938.77
Building Fund	\$1,810.00
Uganda	\$257.00
Benevolence	\$180.00
G3	\$325.00
HH	\$120.00
Youth Camp	\$1,980.00
Total	\$15,610.77
Attendance	248

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AWANA-awana@ghbcva.org
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