

HARD LAUNCH

Wk 1 Wired for Love

(INTRO)

CROWD: "I'm wired for love!"

1 Corinthians 13:1 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 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. 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.

Love demands demonstration!

(It's demonstrated in what you do, but also in what you don't do)

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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Truth: Love is spelled ACTION!

Talk is cheap

Actions speak louder than words

Put your money where your mouth is

FORMS OF LOVE

- Storge – "Familiar Love" - family
- Philia – "Affectionate Love" - beyond physical - friendship
- Eros – "Romantic Love" - passionate / physical / sexual - marriage
- Pragma – "Enduring Love" - long lasting and mature
- Philautia – "Self-Love/Self-Compassion" - self focused
- Ludas – "Playful Love" - child like / uncommitted
- Agape – "Unconditional Love" - transcends relationship or status.

FACTS: 1 Corinthians refers to AGAPE 10 times. It's not just A form of love, it's the important and central form of love.

You are built TO love, and to BE loved

1 John 4:7 Dear friends, let us love one another, **for love comes from God.** Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

His love IN ME should become His love THROUGH ME!

FACT: 1 Corinthians is not just a picture of His love towards me, but the love we should show one another!

**When I allow myself to receive God's love,
I can love people the way He's called me to love them.**

8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

Jesus target to aim at

Matthew 22: 35 One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: 36 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" 37 Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

If I'm not loving THEM I not really loving HIM!

PROOF John 13:35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Transitional: But I'm not just built to LOVE others, foundationally I'm built to BE LOVED!

Truth: If I don't learn to be loved, I'll always view my relationship with Jesus as transactional;
"when I do enough THEN I'll be loved"

God's love can't be earned, only accepted!

9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we

loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Q: What keeps you from the AGAPE love of God?

- What you think about yourself?
- What you've done
- What's happened to you
- What someone spoke over you
- What you've walked through

**God's love is complete;
strong, selfless, and everlasting!**

Fact: When you stop living to earn God's love, and learn to accept His love you move from slave to son; from servant to daughter.

Galatians 4:7 So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

**God doesn't love you because Jesus died for you.
Jesus died for you because God loves you!**

Fact: While there may be forms of love that fulfill parts of our life, there is a

CLOSING 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

(CLOSING)

- 1. Salvation**
- 2. A Miracle**
- 3. Fill the vessels of your life**