



Sermon Series Notes

“Love That Unites Us” I Corinthians 13

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Topic: Love

Naming Children, have you ever wondered how we name our kids.

Naomi: (My Pleasant one)

Mahlon (‘Sickly’) and Kilion (‘Failing’ or dying)

Think about that: Can you imagine naming your child Ex. epidural, smooched head...

Happy Mother's Day! We want to celebrate mothers here today, thanks for your work, labor of love, and giving of yourself (literally).

In preparation for this weekend's message, since I am not a mother I ended up taking some of my wife's book on motherhood and started to read them.

“Treasuring Christ with your hands full, Gospel meditations for busy Mom's” Gloria Furman

“Missional Motherhood” by Gloria Furman

Each and every one of us growing up have had different experiences with motherhood and mothers. Some of us had a blessing of enjoying time with our mothers which nurtured us in our souls, while others of us may have only longed to have a Mom but never experienced it's joys. A Mom's job is one of design created by God for the benefit of her children and others.

God's plan for motherhood:

Gloria Furman writes: “Mothering (or nurturing) is a calling not just for women who have biological or adopted children. Mothering is a calling for all women. Every Christian woman is called to the spiritual motherhood of making disciples of all nations.”¹

“God has an unimpeachable plan to make himself known, and he has designed God-centered roles for his image bearers to play. But ever since the cosmic collapse in the garden of Eden, when our first parents sinned, we women have been nurturing life in the face of death.”²... “because Jesus has redeemed us, we can nurture life in the face of death. Because our Savior has freed us from the bondage of sin, we can do what he can do— we can nurture life in the face of death”.³

“Every kind of nurturing work is an intervention of sorts— stepping between a child and destructive habits, between a friend and her discouragement, between a refugee and homelessness, between a helpless person and neglect. This has been our story since the fall. Not a single one of us has any hope apart from God's gracious intervention.”⁴

I believe Motherhood is a calling and I want to encourage us to honor the call of

mothers by supporting them encouraging them and becoming thankful for their work. We can't fulfill our calling unless we truly have love.

READ I CORINTHIANS 13:

The Apostle Paul when writing his book of I Corinthians was writing to a disruptive, disgruntled, disrespectfully but gifted church in Corinth. He saw them boasting in themselves, and in who they were following, Paul, Apollos, or Jesus. They had tremendous gifts C.1V.7, C12, but great division C.1V.11. Paul speaks about what they really need, which is Love from God that brings about change.

1 Furman, Gloria (2016-05-13). Missional Motherhood: The Everyday Ministry of Motherhood in the Grand Plan of God (p. 4). Crossway. Kindle Edition.

2 Furman, Gloria (2016-05-13). Missional Motherhood: The Everyday Ministry of Motherhood in the Grand Plan of God (p. 88). Crossway. Kindle Edition.

3 Furman, Gloria (2016-05-13). Missional Motherhood: The Everyday Ministry of Motherhood in the Grand Plan of God (p. 106). Crossway. Kindle Edition.

4 Furman, Gloria (2016-05-13). Missional Motherhood: The Everyday Ministry of Motherhood in the Grand Plan of God (p. 12). Crossway. Kindle Edition.

Supernatural change involves understanding the:

The necessity of Love V.1 "A more excellent way"

What love is not V.1-3

What love is V. 4-7

What love produces in us V.8-13

I. The necessity of love? Why do we need it? "A more excellent way" **V.1**

A. Love is part of our design:

You really don't enjoy something unless it is the presence of someone you love. For instance, If you eat great food,(cafe ponte-Mushroom Bisque) it becomes better when you share it with someone. You start to make noises, you would never do that by yourself. You look for the enjoyment of the person's face across from you, when they enjoy the same food as you do. I just graduated from western seminary and when I had to go up there to take classes I remembered eating at a restaurant named Lardo, but it wasn't until I brought my wife up there for graduation that it never tasted so good because I was able to share it.

1. God made Adam we didn't leave him alone but brought together a helper suitable for him Eve.

23 The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man."

Genesis 2:23

Love also is a force that we feel transcends this lifetime even past this life. Songs try to speak about that ex. And I will always love you... **eternity has everything to do with our love, for Love is eternal.**

B. Love comes from God!

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Mark 1:9-11

C. Love is about orbiting around others and not yourself.

"The Trinity is utterly different. Instead of self-centeredness, the Father, the Son, and

the Spirit are characterized in their very essence by mutually self-giving love. No person in the Trinity insists that the others revolve around him; rather each of them voluntarily circles and orbits around the others.”⁵

II. What Love is not:

“Don’t mistake giftedness for grace. Don’t mistake talent for character.”

Keller, Tim (message, Love, the most excellent way)

- A. Gifts w/out love is nothing **V.1**
- B. Knowledge w/out is nothing **V.2**
- C. visionary faith w/out love is nothing **V.3**
- D. self-sacrifice w/out love is nothing **V.3**

“You can be incredibly moral and not have a supernaturally changed heart, how could this be” “The reason these things can be without love is because they revolve around yourself. **They are wringing the Gong and clanging the cymbal. V.1**

- External morality without a change of heart give you a sense of forth, then you start to develop self-pity, which leads to

III. Love is a person

Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 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. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

I John 4:8-12

A. Love has to be felt!

5 Keller, Timothy (2013-03-05). Jesus the King: Understanding the Life and Death of the Son of God (p. 6). Penguin Group US. Kindle Edition.

“Before love is something you do it has to be someone you met.”

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.

I Corinthians 13:4-8a

“Paul isn’t saying Love consists of patience, he doesn’t say if you want to be loving... He is personify love as a person because it’s the only way it comes into your life.” Love is active force not a passive set of principles, you learn to love by having someone pick you up.”

Keller, Tim (message, Love, the most excellent way)

B. Where do we get that type of love?

1. Parents: One day they will die?
2. Spouse: They will fail us
3. Children: If you try to this to them you will smother them

Who can give them this kind of Love?

1. Jesus is patient
2. Jesus is kind
3. Jesus does not envy
4. Jesus does not boast
5. Jesus is not proud
6. Jesus didn’t dishonor others

7. Jesus doesn't delight in evil
8. Jesus always protects
9. Jesus always trusts
10. Jesus always hopes
11. Jesus always preserves
12. Jesus never fails.

"This is a love that saved you, it will humble you out of your self-centeredness and affirm your neediness."

Keller, Tim (message, A more excellent way)

Real Change comes being loved by the love of Jesus who completes us and through his power you mirror his love.

IV. Love produces character:

12 For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. I Corinthians 13:12-13

A. One day we will clearly see and enjoy the Love we are experiencing perfectly.

B. What doesn't make sense today will make total sense when we see him

Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children **2** and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:1-2

Ending:

I know some of you have guilt because you have failed your spouse, children or mother.

-Jesus wants to rid our shame because he was shamed before the world, and he has conquered sin and death.

Others have anger because your mother, spouse or children have failed you.

-Jesus was abandoned so you could be brought near to God, let his love give you courage to walk in faith.

Experience his Love today, Mom let God love you so you can be filled with Grace to Love your children, your family and spouse.

I want to finish a quote from the Mother of Jesus:

46 And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, 48 for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.

Luke 1:46-48