

Spread This!

Part 3.0 Spread Contagious LOVE 1 Cor 13

Contagious love exhibits personal ATTRACTION

- Jacob's ROMANTIC attraction toward Rachel
Genesis 29:10-11
- Our attraction of COMPASSION
Mark 12:31; Luke 10:30-37
- Our attraction of HOSPITALITY – loving the stranger
Romans 12:13; Hebrews 13:2

Contagious love exercises perpetual DEVOTION

- Jacob's month turns into TWENTY years!
Genesis 29:20
- Commitment during consistent CHANGE is the goal
1 Corinthians 13:4-8
- Personal devotion to JESUS empowers relational devotion
2 Corinthians 5:13-15

Contagious love endures repeated COMMOTION

- Jacob's DYSFUNCTIONAL self and family
Genesis 26-35
- Jacob EVENTUALLY resolves life's turmoil
Genesis 31-33
- Hullabaloo is TYPICAL for life on earth
John 16:33

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Life Group Questions – May 3, 2020

2 Corinthians 5:13-15: 'For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are of sound mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.'

QUICK REVIEW

1. Perseverance can be defined as "continued effort despite difficulties like failure and opposition." How does perseverance work to mature our Christian character? Can we truly be content during life's upheavals? Explain.
2. Read Romans 8:24-25. By hope we are saved. What kind of hope is this referring to? What is the evidence in the life of a person who has his or her mind set on what the flesh desires? What is the evidence of having one's mind set on what the Spirit desires?

MY STORY

1. What's the draw toward dishonoring others? What situations or people cause you to be easily angered? Why do you think it happens? How does keeping a record of wrongs make a relationship unhealthy?
2. What happens when your children sense that you love one child more than another? Did such discrimination happen to you when you were growing up? If so, how are you finding healing? How can we as parents love our children equally but differently?

GOING DEEP

1. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-7. What sticks out to you? What are some ways we would view someone who could actually do those things? How do you feel about Paul saying that without love, what we do is just a bunch of noise? Why do you think he says that?
2. Read Genesis 29:31-35. The Lord not only saw that Leah was unloved, He heard her cry for help. According to verse 31, what did God do for Leah...and not do for Rachel? With the birth of each son, what did Leah say concerning God? What outcome was she seeking? How might 1 Corinthians 1:27-29 fit Leah's difficult situation? What assurance does Psalm 34:17-18 give you about your own difficult situations?
3. Read Genesis 33. How did Esau display biblical devotion and perseverance in his love towards his twin brother, Jacob? Was Esau compassionate and hospitable as well? How would you have responded if you had been Esau?

PUTTING IT TOGETHER:

1. What do you think are some of the challenges to living out each point?
2. Which of the above teaching points are most important for you to remember?