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1 Corinthians 13 (ESV)

1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

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4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. 7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.

1 Corinthians 13 (ESV)

9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. 11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. 12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. 13 So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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The Point

Real strength is shown by loving others the way Jesus loves us — with patience, kindness, and self-sacrifice.

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Sacrificial Love



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Sacrificial Love

- Jesus' love is demonstrated at the cross.
- His sacrifice sets the standard for self-giving love.

25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, (Ephesians 5:25 ESV)

- Sacrificial love means laying down personal desires, hobbies, or comforts to seek the highest good of another.

8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8 ESV)

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Sacrificial Love

- True love is not based on feelings but on actions — agape is a verb, expressed in tangible ways regardless of emotion.

10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (1 John 4:10 ESV)

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Sacrificial Love

- Sacrificial love requires believers to leverage their strength not for self-preservation or self-gratification, but for the benefit of others.

13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. (John 15:13 ESV)

Sacrificial Love

- In our community, sacrificial love means prioritizing another's spiritual growth & well-being over one's own desires.

26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. (Ephesians 5:26–27 ESV)

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Patient and Kind Love

- Patience is the passive response to difficult people or circumstances.
- Kindness is the active pursuit of their good.
- Love listens to understand rather than to respond, showing humility.

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Patient and Kind Love

- Love yields for the sake of unity & peace.

3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others (Philippians 2:3–4 ESV)

- Love forgives & refuses to keep a record of wrongs.

Patient and Kind Love

- Love forgives & refuses to keep a record of wrongs.
- Patient & kind love creates an atmosphere of peace in homes & communities, where others feel cherished & valued.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; (Galatians 5:22-23 ESV)

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Enduring Love

- Unlike spiritual gifts or earthly accomplishments, love is eternal & continues into heaven.
- Love never quits.
- Enduring love reflects God's nature.

8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. (1 John 4:8 ESV)

- His love sustains us through trials & calls us to extend the same to others.

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Enduring Love

- Enduring love means reconciliation - never giving up on relationships but fighting for unity & restoration.
- Enduring love leaves a legacy — as seniors we can model faithfulness & perseverance, showing that Jesus' love sustains even in our later years.

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Practical Application

- Offer a kind word daily to a fellow resident or caregiver.
- Pray for someone here by name each day.
- Practice patience when schedules or routines change.
- Share a meal with someone new to build community.
- Listen attentively when others share their stories.
- Forgive past hurts & let go of resentment.

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Practical Application

- Volunteer in small ways (helping with activities, welcoming newcomers).
- Speak truth with gentleness when offering advice or correction.
- Model gratitude by thanking staff and caregivers regularly.

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Discussion Questions

- What does it mean to you that Jesus' love is sacrificial?
- How can patience & kindness change the atmosphere at Windsor?
- Why is enduring love important in this stage of life?
- How can we encourage one another to "stand firm in faith" while showing love?
- What legacy of love do you want to leave for your family & community?

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