

## Revitalizing Relationships

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<sup>31</sup> Now eagerly desire the greater gifts. And yet I will show you the most excellent way. **1 Corinthians 12:31, NIV**

Relationships can be \_\_\_\_\_ by...

- Making \_\_\_\_\_
- Conflicting \_\_\_\_\_
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- Conflict \_\_\_\_\_
- Clashes over \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- Differences of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- Current or past \_\_\_\_\_

There is a way of life that goes way \_\_\_\_\_ all others.

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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. **1 Corinthians 13:1-3, NIV**

This most excellent way of life is not about...

- ...what I can \_\_\_\_\_
- ...what I \_\_\_\_\_
- ...or what \_\_\_\_\_ I have made

In fact, it's not about \_\_\_\_\_ at all!

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. <sup>8</sup> Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. **1 Corinthians 13:4-8, NIV**

<sup>6</sup> Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **John 14:6, NIV**

The "most excellent way" is about \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.

<sup>16</sup> This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. **1 John 3:16, NIV**

When I \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus' truth and Jesus' love, I can \_\_\_\_\_ all relationships through the lens of love...

- ✓ Adopting the \_\_\_\_\_ of love.
- ✓ Practicing the \_\_\_\_\_ of love.
- ✓ Persevering in the \_\_\_\_\_ of love.

Most importantly, trusting that \_\_\_\_\_ never fails!

### MEMORY VERSE

Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. **Psalms 130:7, NIV**

- ✓ Rest in Jesus and his care
- ✓ Expose my need for Jesus
- ✓ Seek God's presence and power
- ✓ Imagine letting go of my hurts, habits and hang-ups
- ✓ Live transparently by owning my sin
- ✓ Invite Jesus to change my habits
- ✓ Evaluate all my relationships

What's your next step today?  
Mark it on your Communication Card.