

# Famous Love: Love Chooses

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## Introduction

**What comes to mind when you think about the phrase, 'famous love?'**

**The Text: 1 Corinthians 13:1-10 (NKJV)**

## The Schedule

Love Chooses – December 7 (**1 Corinthians 13:4-7**) (Greg Mazak)

Love Wins – December 14 (**1 Corinthians 13:8**) (modified Rob Bell)

Love Does – December 21 (**1 Corinthians 13:1-8**) (Bob Goff)

## Knowledge Objectives

1. To see a biblical view of love
2. To debunk common beliefs about love
3. To know the greatest lover of all time: God

## Love Chooses

Greater than ninety percent of this lesson came from Dr. Greg Mazak's sermon, "Choosing to Love." You can listen to it on [SermonAudio.com](http://SermonAudio.com).

## Introduction

**You fall in love and then you get married, right?**

## Points

1. A biblical marriage is not based on being in \_\_\_\_\_

**Genesis 2:18, 21-24**

**Was Adam in love with Eve? Was Eve in love with Adam?**

**What is a biblical marriage based on? Malachi 2:14**

2. A biblical marriage is a \_\_\_\_\_ before God

**What is a covenant?** A covenant is a legally binding \_\_\_\_\_

Definition: Marriage is a covenant of \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. **Proverbs 2:16-17; Ezekiel 16:8**)

3. A biblical marriage must include the \_\_\_\_\_ to love, whether you are in \_\_\_\_\_ or not

Ephesians 5:25; Titus 2:3-4; 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

There is a difference between \_\_\_\_\_ to love and \_\_\_\_\_ in love

### Applications

1. Before getting married, do not try to determine if you are in love. \_\_\_\_\_ if you are willing to \_\_\_\_\_ to love.
2. You must choose to love your spouse even when you \_\_\_\_\_ of love
3. You must choose to love your spouse even when you fall in love with \_\_\_\_\_
4. You must choose to love your spouse because you made a \_\_\_\_\_ before God  
Why do I need to be faithful? \_\_\_\_\_
5. You must choose to love your spouse if you are to picture the love of \_\_\_\_\_ for the church

### Memory Verse

**1 Corinthians 13:4: Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up**

### Next Week

Love Wins (we are going to pull this one back to the original meaning)

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## Memory Verse Review

### 1 Corinthians 13:4

## Love Wins

How many of you have ever seen someone wearing a cross as a piece of jewelry?

### Matthew

**Matthew 21:23; 26:14-16, 36-45a, 67-68, 69-74a; 27:27-31; 27:41-44; Luke 23:34**

Jesus' response is \_\_\_\_\_

### Luke 23:39-43

Jesus' response is forgiveness and \_\_\_\_\_

### John 19:25-27

Jesus' response is forgiveness, invitation, and \_\_\_\_\_

### John 21:10-13

### John 21:15-17

Jesus' response with Peter is \_\_\_\_\_

## The Resurrection

**Hebrews 4:15**

**John 16:33**

Jesus is saying, 'I \_\_\_\_\_'

**Romans 12:21**

Will I respond to the world with or without \_\_\_\_\_?

## Public Spectacle

**Colossians 2:15**

If you can kill somebody and they still live, then who \_\_\_\_\_?

The cross is God's way of saying, 'Love \_\_\_\_\_'

**1 Corinthians 13:8a: Love never fails**

## About that book . . .

Love wins forever for the believer

## Memory Verse

**1 Corinthians 13:8a: Love never fails**

## Next Week

Love Does

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## Memory Verse Review

**1 Corinthians 13:8a: Love never fails**

## Love Does

**1 Corinthians 13:4-7: 4 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; 5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; 6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.**

How many verbs are in that passage? \_\_\_\_\_

Love is a verb because love \_\_\_\_\_

**Bob Goff: Love is a do thing**

## Engaging

**Bob Goff: Either way, I'm \_\_\_\_\_ you**

Calvin Whaley → "That's what we do"

Tim Fleming → "How can we help?"

Lance & Sherry Gregory → "Of course we are"

**Donald Miller (from *Blue Like Jazz*): Something was broken in the world and we were supposed to hold our palms against the \_\_\_\_\_**

## Ushering

Brother Herbert → "Whatever He wants me to do"

Charles Alexander → "You can do this"

**Bob Goff: We're simply the ones who show people their seats that someone else paid for.** Ushering perfectly illustrates this concept.

**Bob Goff: There's \_\_\_\_\_ room. . . . Love draws more people in. . . . Love doesn't recognize boundaries and never obeys the rules we try to give it.**

## Incarnating

**1 Corinthians 13:4-7** exemplifies the Christmas story: **4 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; 5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; 6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.**

**Bob Goff: After Jesus arrived, God whispered to all of humanity . . .**  
"\_\_\_\_\_."

## Homeworking

**Bob Goff: Love Does—so what do \_\_ do?**

Tell someone, "Either way, I'm with you" & "There's more room (for you)"