

WHEN LOVE IS HARD: DON'T GIVE UP, KEEP LOVE ALIVE!

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WORSHIP

Endless Praise, Shout His Holy Name, Emmanuel, God With Us, Unending Love, Reliably True, The Anthem

WELCOME

What was the most challenging task or decision that you had to make the past week that had to do with doing what is best for someone you love?

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives.

II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of public servants; repentance and salvation for government leaders and citizens for a Christ-centered Philippines.
- God's provision for families deeply affected by inflation.
- War in Ukraine to end, loss of lives prevented; escalating tension in East Asian countries to stop.

III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples.
- Elders, pastors, deacons, and families (holy, humble, harmonious, happy, heart-working).
- Ministries and churches expansion worldwide.

IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God.
- Righteous living.
- Salvation of family and friends.

WORD

READ IT!

ROMANS 15:1-7,13

Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those without strength and not just please ourselves. ² Each of us is to please his neighbor for his good, to his edification. ³ For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "THE REPROACHES OF THOSE WHO REPROACHED YOU FELL ON ME." ⁴ For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ... ¹³ Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

PARAPHRASE IT!

Restate the verses in your own words.

TALK ABOUT IT!

- What did you like about these verses?
- What did you learn about God?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about loving those who may be difficult to love?
- What did you learn about following Jesus?

POINT IT OUT!

INTRO (1 Corinthians 1:10-12, Ephesians 4:1-3, John 13:34-35)

1. PURSUE BUILDING UP

(Romans 14:19-23, 1 Corinthians 8:1,4, 7-13, 1 Corinthians 10:28-29, 1 Timothy 1:5-6, 19)

2. PRIORITIZE OTHERS

(Romans 15:1-3, Galatians 6:1-2, Philippians 2:1-5)

3. POWERED BY GOD

(Romans 15:4-6, Romans 15:8-10, Psalm 18:49, Deuteronomy 32:43, Psalm 117:1, Isaiah 11:10, Acts 24:15-16, Colossians 1:17)

WORKS

APPLY IT!

Based on this lesson on "When Love is Hard—Don't Give Up, Keep Love Alive!", write down your action point to apply what you learned. Make it your "I will..." statement and follow the S.M.A.R.T. guideline to come up with a do-able action point.

Simple

Measurable

Appropriate

Realistic

Time-bound

"I will _____

SHARE IT!

Who will you share these truths to this week?

PRAY CARE SHARE IN ACTION

Pray especially for "hard to love" people in hard-to-reach places! They may be part of your family who are away from you, or people groups living in countries where the gospel has not been widely preached. For those you can interact with, do you part in doing what is best for them. Do not give up on them by continually extending God's love and offer of forgiveness to them through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

MEMORY VERSE

ROMANS 15:2

Each of us is to please his neighbor for his good, to his edification.