

## LOVE RADICALLY

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

## WORSHIP

Because of Your Love, Can't Stop Singing, O How Great, Take My Life, Build My Life

## WELCOME

What are some "love quotes" or romantic one-liners that you are familiar with? Were you at the giving end, the receiving end or an observer of that quote or one-liner being given?

## WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

## 1. Thanksgiving

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

## 3. 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 help and comfort, salvation for Israel, wisdom for their leaders in government, military and their soldiers as they defend themselves against terrorists' attacks. PRAISE GOD for the release of hostages so far! Continue to pray for the release of the remaining ones.
- War in Ukraine to end, loss of lives prevented; conflict in African, East Asian and Middle East countries to stop. Pray for Christians from different countries who have been persecuted, attacked and killed in recent weeks.

## 3. 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.

## 4. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

## 5. Personal Concerns

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

## WORD

## READ IT!

## JAMES 1:12, 2:8, 15-16, 3:8-10, 4:1-3

<sup>12</sup> Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has [a]been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him...<sup>8</sup> If, however, you are fulfilling the [a]royal law according to the Scripture, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF," you are doing well...<sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food,<sup>16</sup> and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, [a]be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that?...<sup>8</sup> But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison.<sup>9</sup> With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God;<sup>10</sup> from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way... What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? [b]Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members?<sup>2</sup> You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask.<sup>3</sup> You ask and do not receive, because you ask [c]with wrong motives, so that you may spend it [d]on your pleasures.

## 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 rediscover about love?
- What did you learn about following Jesus?

## POINT IT OUT!

## I. LOVE GOD THROUGH TRIALS

(James 1:12)

## II. LOVE OTHERS MORE THAN YOURSELF

(1 Corinthians 13:4-6, Deuteronomy 8:14-18, Galatians 5:22-23, Proverbs 24:17, 1 Peter 4:8)

## III. LOVE SACRIFICIALLY

(James 2:15-16, James 4:1-3)

## IV. LOVE THROUGH "LIFE WORDS"

(James 2:8-10, Proverbs 18:21, James 1:1)

## WORKS

## APPLY IT!

Based on this lesson on "LOVE REDISCOVERED: Love Radically" 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 for people both in the church and outside, to sense God's radical love for them through your example. Care for people in practical ways, giving sacrificially as God gave His Son for the forgiveness of our sins. Share the life-giving gospel in every opportunity for every encounter you have with people each day.

## MEMORY VERSE

## JAMES 2:8

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