

AN ENCOUNTER WITH LOVE Part 5



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1. LOVE HAS CAPACITY

⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 Corinthians 13:7 (NKJV)



2. LOVE IS COMPLETE

⁸ Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.

⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part.

¹⁰ But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

1 Corinthians 13:8-10 (NKJV)



3. LOVE CAUSES CHANGE

¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

1 Corinthians 13:11-12 (NKJV)



4. LOVE IS THE CHAMPION

¹³ And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13 (NKJV)



FOR RIGHT NOW AND FOREVER

1. Jesus has CAPACITY.
2. Jesus is COMPLETE.
3. Jesus causes CHANGE.
4. Jesus is the CHAMPION.



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Discussion Questions

Use the following questions this week to grow in your understanding and application of this message.

Read 1 Corinthians 13:7-13.

1. Describe a time when you lost something or someone precious in your life. How can this passage encourage you when things of this life pass away?
2. What does it mean practically for you to “hold on lightly to things that are passing away and hold on tightly to things that will remain forever”? List some things that you are perhaps holding on to too tightly.
3. How can you grow in and better understand this everlasting love of God, which has capacity, is complete, causes change and is the champion (the greatest)?
4. Pray with someone this week and confess your need before the Lord to experience more of the unfailing, everlasting love of Christ. Also pray for faith and hope to be restored in your heart and that your passion for Jesus would increase.