



Faith, Hope and Love || Love and Marriage I Corinthians 16:14

In today's society, the word love has so many meanings. There is the love between friends and between a husband and wife. People can love their jobs, their homes and even their pets.

- *If someone was to ask you how do you define love, what would you say?*

Read I Corinthians 16:14 together as a group from at least 3 different translations

- *How can we do everything in love?*

We hear a lot about people's feelings and that our feelings should guide us in our decision-making processes. When it comes to marriage, our feelings of love toward the other person is usually the determining factor on whether or not the marriage is working.

- *Why is it dangerous to allow our feelings to guide or dictate our relationship with our spouse?*
- *What should a marriage be built off of if not our feelings?*

A marriage should be built as a covenant that a man and a woman make between them and with God. It is also an atonement or substitution for each other.

- *Why is it important that a marriage be made as a covenant and an atonement as opposed to just about being in love with each other?*

Love's primary aim is self-emptying generosity. We are to empty ourselves every day and pour into our spouse. We must learn to give sacrificially and surrender to God daily. Learn to pray for joy from the Lord regardless of your circumstances.

- *Are you surrendering everything to God to receive joy from Him? How can your group pray for you this week so you can surrender?*