The Lord's Table

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 July 14, 2019 - Pastor Billy M. Gotcher

Language Creates Culture

-the words we use create the world we live in-

Disciple: A devoted follower of Jesus who is eager to learn God's Word and longs to live God's way.

Discipleship: intentionally entering into accountable relationships that are saturated by the Word of God and empowered by the Holy Spirit in order to reproduce Christ-like disciples.

- Disciple-making: intentionally entering into someone's life in order to share Christ and to teach him or her to keep His commands.
- Christ-like Disciple: a disciple who faithfully lives for Christ and is a contributor to ministry, not just a consumer. One who is faithful in studying God's Word, praying, participating in worship, giving, serving and sharing.

1 Corinthians 11:23–25

For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed **took** bread; 24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." 25 In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

➤ 1 Corinthians 11:26–27

²⁶ For as often as **you eat** this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. 27 Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

➤ 1 Corinthians 11:28–30

²⁸ But **let a man examine himself**, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 29 For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. 30 For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep.

> 1 Corinthians 13:4–8a

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. 8 Love never fails.

Learning To Love One Another Like Jesus Loves Us

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A. Love Bears All Things - There Is Nothing Love Cannot Face!

> 1 Corinthians 9:11–12 If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things? 12 If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.

1. <u>Biblical love is marked by tenacity.</u>

> 1 Peter 2:21–22

²¹ For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: ²² "Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mo**uth**";

> 1 Peter 2:23–24

²³ who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; 24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

2. Why is Biblical love marked by tenacity?

Proverbs 10:12 Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers all sins.

➤ 1 Peter 4:8 And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins."

Loves Us. A. Love Bears all things - There is nothing

- love cannot face!
 3. What is the ambition of such tenacious love?
- ▶ Isaiah 53:4–5 Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our

B. Love Believes All Things - It Never Ceases To Live By Faith.

1 Corinthians 13:7 (love) bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Galatians 6:1 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.

C. Love Hopes All Things - It Is Confident In God's Promises.

➤ 1 Corinthians 13:7 (love) bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

D. Love Endures All Things - It Never Quits.

➤ 1 Corinthians 13:7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never fails.

1 Corinthians 13:4–8

JESUS suffers long and JESUS is kind; Jesus does not envy; Jesus does not parade himself, Jesus is not puffed up; ⁵ Jesus does not behave rudely, Jesus does not seek HIS own, Jesus is not provoked, Jesus thinks no evil; 6 Jesus does not rejoice in iniquity, but Jesus rejoices in the truth; ⁷ Jesus bears all things, Jesus believes all things, Jesus hopes all things, Jesus endures all things.

⁸ JESUS never fails.



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