

## “40 DAYS OF LOVE: LOVE LETS IT GO”

**Introduction:** God builds your love with \_\_\_\_\_.

I Corinthians 13:5 (NLT) “Love is not rude. Love does not demand its own way. Love is not irritable, and love keeps no record of when it has been wronged.”

- Three types of VDP's (Very Draining People)
  1. D\_\_\_\_\_ people
  2. D\_\_\_\_\_ people
  3. D\_\_\_\_\_ people

### THREE MARKS OF REAL LOVE

#### 1. I MUST BE \_\_\_\_\_ FOR DEMANDING PEOPLE

I Corinthians 13:5 (NLT) “Love is not rude, Love does not demand its own way.

- A weak man's imitation of strength is \_\_\_\_\_.

Philippians 2: 5-7 (NLT) “Your attitude should be the same that Christ Jesus had. Though He was God, He did not demand and cling to His rights as God. He made Himself nothing; He took the humble position as a slave and appeared in human form.”

- A characteristic of the ugly American is \_\_\_\_\_.

Titus 3:2 (The Message) “Believers shouldn't curse anyone or be quarrelsome, but they should be gentle and show courtesy to everyone.”

- Three B's to perspective.
  1. B\_\_\_\_\_
  2. B\_\_\_\_\_
  3. B\_\_\_\_\_
- Love lets it go.

#### 2. I MUST BE \_\_\_\_\_ TO DISAPPOINTING PEOPLE

I Corinthians 13:5 (NLT) “... Love is not irritable..”

- Everybody in your life is going to \_\_\_\_\_ you.

Galatians 6:1 (NCV) "Brothers and sisters, if someone in your group does something wrong, you who are spiritual should go to that person and gently help make him right again.. But be careful, because you might be tempted to sin, too."

- Formula: Right + Rude = \_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 15:4 (NLT) "Gentle words bring life and health; a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit."

- Love learns to \_\_\_\_\_.

### 3. I MUST \_\_\_\_\_ IT FOR DESTRUCTIVE PEOPLE

I Corinthians 13:5 (NLT) "... love keeps no record of when it has been wronged."

- When people hurt us we have two tendencies;
  1. We \_\_\_\_\_
  2. We \_\_\_\_\_
- Two ways we remember
  1. In our \_\_\_\_\_.

Leviticus 19:17 (TEV) "Do not bear a grudge against others. But settle your differences with them so you will not commit a sin because of them."

- When you \_\_\_\_\_ it, you \_\_\_\_\_ it.
  2. In our \_\_\_\_\_.

Proverbs 17:9 (LB) "Love forgets mistakes, nagging about them parts the best of friends."

- Not hysterical but \_\_\_\_\_!

### **CONCLUSION:**

Mark 11:25 (Amplified New Testament) "Whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him and let it drop. Leave it. Let it go. In order that your Father who is in heaven may also forgive you your failings and your shortcomings. Let them drop."

- Dealing with past hurts: Don't \_\_\_\_\_ it. Rather \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- Forgiveness is not forgetting. But it is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Key: Remember what it cost \_\_\_\_\_.