



ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE

I saw a commercial the other day for BlackBerry smartphones, and it seems like their new advertising slogan centers around the four letter word LOVE. In fact in their recent television commercials, they've been playing a portion of the song, "All You Need is Love," which was originally released by the legendary British rock band, The Beatles, over 40 years ago. And just in case you have no idea who or what I'm talking about, here are a few lines from this classic song:

There's nothing you can do that can't be done. Nothing you can sing that can't be sung. Nothing you can say but you can learn how to play the game. It's easy. All you need is love. All you need is love. All you need is love, love. Love is all you need.

Maybe some of you, as you were reading those lines, were humming the melody in your head, or maybe even out loud. The basic premise and message of the song is simply this: You can accomplish, overcome, and achieve whatever you want as long as you have love. And as I was listening to this song, it reminded me of a well-known passage in 1 Corinthians: *Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SAT - 3.13.10	SAT - 3.20.10	SUN - 3.28.10	WED - 3.31.10
Men's Prayer Meeting, 6:30 AM	Women's Prayer Meeting, 6:30 AM	Palm Sunday, 9:45AM/11:30 AM	Pathway Gathering, 7:30 PM

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Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. - 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, NIV

And as I thought about this song in light of God's Word, I came to the realization that it really is all about love. And all we really need is love, not necessarily from a person or for a thing, but from God, who has poured out His amazing love upon us, because it's God's love that directs and compels us to truly love the people He has placed in our lives. It's God's abundant grace and mercy that sets the foundation for our patience, kindness, and forgiveness towards those who have hurt us; it's Christ's selfless sacrifice that serves as the model for our humility and service to the poor and needy; and it's God's steadfast and loyal love that moves us to love others beyond our own means and efforts.

God is the source of love in its purest and truest form. And He's not only told us through His Word, He's shown it through His Son, Jesus Christ, who is the very embodiment of His amazing love toward us. And my prayer is that we would be people, both individually and as a community, that would be able to live and love out of the outflow of God's love toward us. So, The Beatles did get it right when they said, "All you need is love," because God's love is really all we need. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres. Love never fails.

Your Pastor,
Andrew Yi

FROM THE EDITORS' DESK...



Ahh, February. The month of love. So much pink and chocolate everywhere, how could there possibly be complaints? But February also makes us think: how often do you tell your loved ones that you love them? Is it so rare that we need a special day to lavish on them?

"Love" is a word so easily tossed around but at the same time, so misused. We "love" to eat, we "love" to hang out, we "love" to have the newest things. It's so easy to say we love these trifling things, but why can't we really say it about

the things that matter?

Maybe it's time to realize what really is important to us, and who we care about. Besides, don't you want your loved ones to never have a doubt how you feel about them? And to know you too are constantly loved?

Don't forget to tell those you cherish that you love them, all the time. Why save it for one day in February? Every day can be a special day, so let's spread the love.

- Mari & Grace

CELEBRATION

We'd like to congratulate newlyweds Nick and Christine Weege! In celebration of their recent marriage, we asked them to answer a few questions and share about their relationship.

How did you meet?

C: We met at SMU's music school my freshman year, his sophomore (7 and a half years ago!). He asked me to play in a quartet with him and I said yes. It wasn't long before our first date.

N: I suppose it's not really "meeting," but I first saw her in high school at All-Region orchestra (we were very cool kids). I remember telling my friend that I thought she was really cute. We officially met at SMU's music school. We played some chamber music together. She was so fun and sweet to be around!



How did you know he/she was the one?

C: After a couple of years of dating him and once he had become my best friend, I thought and prayed about my future and could not see it without him in it.

N: I don't remember a specific moment, but I always felt a special connection with her. Despite being two very different people, we always found ourselves laughing and enjoying each others' company. We've gone through periods of long-distance where we didn't see each other for several weeks at a time, and within five minutes would be laughing as if we'd never been apart.

How has faith played out in your relationship?

C: We try to live our everyday lives by God's Word. Prayer and faith have also been the foundations for all of our major decisions in life.

N: We've always tried to take God's word into how we live our lives, both personally and as a couple. I think that we provide a very good support system together and help each other be better people and followers of Christ.

Any advice you'd give to others in a relationship?

C: Laugh together. Pray together.

N: Always remember to tell her how important she is to you and that you appreciate her!

INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE

This is a new corner we'd like to introduce. Every month, we present to you a motivational quote that we'd like to leave you with, a little something that you can read and think about.

"I wish, brothers and sisters, that we could all imitate 'the pearl oyster' — A hurtful particle intrudes itself into its shell, and this vexes and grieves it. It cannot reject the evil, but what does it do but 'cover' it with a precious substance extracted out of its own life, by which it turns the intruder into a pearl! Oh, that we could do so with the provocations we receive from our fellow Christians, so that pearls of patience, gentleness, and forgiveness might be bred within us by that which otherwise would have harmed us."

— Charles Spurgeon

WE ASKED, YOU ANSWERED

Okay. Admit it -- how many of you have “the list?” You know, the list of requirements your future spouse should have? Ohh, *THAT list*, you say. We, too, were curious so we decided to ask all of you: What are the top qualities you look for in a potential spouse? We got all sorts of interesting answers (ie, being able to change a flat tire), but we pooled the answers and narrowed it down to the top five.



According to our singles, the top qualities are:

1. Being a Christian
2. Is he/she kind, considerate, humble
3. Looks
4. Sense of humor
5. Status

To get further insight, we asked some married couples to answer the same question.

According to married people, the top qualities are:

1. Faith
2. Similar background and interests
3. Honesty/integrity
4. Would he/she be a good parent
5. People person

COUPLES GATHERING

If having a healthy marriage seems impossible, it's because it is. However, we have a loving, heavenly Father who wants to make it possible. No one stands on the altar on their wedding day expecting to get divorced. And yet, the unfortunate truth is about half of the marriages in the US do end in divorce, according to the latest statistics. And this is why we believe that God has called us to make the necessary time and energy to continually build into our marriages. And so we've been focusing on the *six Essentials of a Healthy Marriage* in our Couples Gatherings to help set the ground work for God-centered and God-honoring marriages. Here they are:

1. Trust God
2. Hurry Home
3. Cultivate Communication
4. Nurture Romance
5. Celebrate Differences
6. Finish Together

So, come and join us for our next Couples Gathering as we explore and discuss another essential for God-centered marriages.



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