

SERMON NOTES

4th Sunday after the Epiphany, Year C * January 30, 2022

Sermon by the Reverend Tom Rutherford

Jeremiah 1:4-10 * Psalm 71:1-18 * 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 *

Luke 4:21-30

Because I Love Him

1 Corinthians 13 = the "Love Chapter"

Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and all your strength." Matthew 22:37

Love is NOT F_____. It's A_____ lovingly, whether I feel it or not.

1 Corinthians: 12:4 Love is patient.

"Why would I do that?" Because I L_____ him."

Love is kind.

It does not envy.

It does not boast. It is not proud.

Verse 5: It does not dishonor others.

It is not self-seeking.

It is not easily angered. It keeps no record of wrongs.

Verse 6: Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth.

Verse 7: It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Verse 8: Love never fails.

Next Week's Lessons

Isaiah 6:1-8 * Psalm 138 * 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 * Luke 5:1-11

Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, Home Group, or a friend

1 Corinthians 13 defines love for us: "Love is patient. Love is kind. It does not envy or boast... It's not easily angered, nor does it keep a record of wrongs... Love always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."

1. Who is someone who is – or has been – patient with you? How do – or did – they show that patience?
2. What is something you've been asking God to do, that he hasn't done yet? How are you being patient with God?
3. What is a way you show love for God that costs you something? What is the cost?
4. What is one way you show love for God, even when you don't feel like doing it?
5. PRAY:
 - ✦ Thanking God for people who are patient with you.
 - ✦ For God to do what you talked about in #2 above.
 - ✦ For grace to continue showing your love for God, even when it costs and even when you don't feel like it.
 - ✦ For any needs in your group.