



## #1 LIVING IN LOVE - PT 1

### 1 Corinthians 13:13

**Genesis 1:28 (NLT)** Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground."

**Romans 8:35 (NIV)** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

**Romans 8:37 (NIV)** No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

**2 Corinthians 1:3-5 (MSG)** All praise to the God and Father of our Master, Jesus the Messiah! Father of all mercy! God of all healing counsel! He comes alongside us when we go through hard times, and before you know it, he brings us alongside someone else who is going through hard times so that we can be there for that person just as God was there for us. We have plenty of hard times that come from following the Messiah, but no more so than the good times of his healing comfort — we get a full measure of that, too.

1. The greatest \_\_\_\_\_ in life is \_\_\_\_\_, and the greatest \_\_\_\_\_ in life is to \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Corinthians 13:13 (NIV)** And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

**1 Corinthians 14:1a (TLB)** Let love be your greatest aim ...

**Colossians 3:14 (CEV)** Love is more important than anything else. It is what ties everything completely together.

2. Lack of love causes \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Personal:

- ▶ Insecurity and inferiority.
- ▶ Negative self-image; self-hatred; identity issues.
- ▶ Shame.
- ▶ Fear and anxiety.
- ▶ Trust issues.
- ▶ Achievement issues.
- ▶ Attachment and intimacy issues

#### Relational:

- ▶ Isolation.
- ▶ Contention and strife.
- ▶ Over-dependency and excessive neediness.
- ▶ Excessive independence.
- ▶ Inability or restricted ability to give love.
- ▶ Aggressiveness or passive-aggressiveness.
- ▶ Passivity.
- ▶ Unrealistic relationship expectations.
- ▶ Poor emotional intelligence.

#### Social:

- ▶ Substance abuse.
- ▶ Gangs.
- ▶ Crime.
- ▶ War.
- ▶ Tension.
- ▶ Injustices.

3. Real love requires a \_\_\_\_\_.

• **Genesis 3:6-13**

• **Genesis 4:8**

**1 John 4:8 (NIV)** Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.