



Do You Speak English?
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John 13:1-35

**Love says:
There is a need
I can help
I will do something**

"We buy things we can't afford to please those people who don't like us anyway."
Patrick Morley

The need to be loved...

"Love is the great transformer that turns ambition into aspiration, selfishness into service, greed into gratitude, getting into giving and demands into dedication."
William Arthur Ward

John 13:1 NLT

"The more I know that person, the less I like them..."

1Peter 4:8 Message "Most of all, love each other as if your life depended on it. Love makes up for practically anything."

"The strongest argument I have found yet for Christianity is Christians. Their love, their joy, as well as their certainty of things to come. The strongest argument I have found yet against Christianity is also Christians. When they are somber and joyless. When they are self righteous, smug and complacent. When they are narrow, judgmental and repressive, lacking love, then Christianity dies a thousand deaths in my mind.

C.S. Lewis

John 13:3-5 NLT
Matthew 25:40 NLT
John 13:12-17 NLT

**Seeing a need
Realizing that I can help
Then doing something about it**

John 13:34-35 NLT
Matthew 14:16 NLT
Matthew 14:17 NLT
John 15:12-13 NLT

Jake walked slowly to the line of scrimmage. Twenty-one players parted in front of him as if they were the Red Sea and he was Moses, and then he took off for the Promise Land. Canaan was forty-nine yards away. It took him almost twelve seconds. Everybody on the sidelines was running step-for-step with him. And Jake Porter scored a touchdown. The bleachers exploded. Everybody was cheering. Grown men were crying; hardened football warriors were hugging each other. A lot of boys played in that game. When they grow to be old men, they will forget details about most of the games they played in. They won't remember many scores. But not one will forget the day Jake Porter scored a touchdown. Jake's touchdown became everybody's touchdown."

1Corinthians 13:1-3 Message

If I speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy but don't love, I'm nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate. If I speak God's Word with power, revealing all his mysteries and making everything plain as day, and if I have faith that says to a mountain, "Jump," and it jumps, but I don't love, I'm nothing. If I give everything I own to the poor and even go to the stake to be burned as a martyr, but I don't love, I've gotten nowhere. So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love.

1Corinthians 13:4-7 Message

Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn't want what it doesn't have. Love doesn't strut, doesn't have a swelled head, doesn't force itself on others, isn't always "me first," doesn't fly off the handle, doesn't keep score of the sins of others, doesn't revel when others grovel, takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, puts up with anything, trusts God always, always looks for the best, never looks back, but keeps going to the end.

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you can."

John Wesley