



A Better Way To Love
Fireproof Your Marriage Wk. 6 of 6
Pastor Chuck Aruta New Beginnings Church



Luke 5:1-11 (NLT) One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the word of God. [2] He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. [3] Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there. [4] When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper and let down your nets, and you will catch many fish." [5] "Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, we'll try again." [6] And this time their nets were so full they began to tear! [7] A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking. [8] When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Oh, Lord, please leave me—I'm too much of a sinner to be around you." [9] For he was awestruck by the size of their catch, as were the others with him. [10] His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed. Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!" [11] And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus.

3 Types Of Love

- 1) Eros= What can _____ get out of this.
- 2) Phileos= What can _____ get out of this.
- 3) Agape= What can _____ get out of this.

4 Ways To Love Better

- 1) Think about others more than _____.

Philipp. 2:4 (NIV) Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

1 Cor. 13:4 (Msg)...Love cares more for others than for self..

- 2) Make the _____ move.

Luke 5:12-13 (NLT) In one of the villages, Jesus met a man with an advanced case of leprosy. When the man saw Jesus, he fell to the ground, face down in the dust, begging to be healed. "Lord," he said, "if you want to, you can make me well again." [13] Jesus reached out and touched the man. "I want to," he said. "Be healed!" And instantly the leprosy disappeared.

Luke 5:13 (NLT) Jesus reached out and touched the man...

1 Cor. 13:5 (Msg) ...Isn't always "me first,"...

- 3) Take _____.

Luke 5:18-26 (NLT) Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a sleeping mat. They tried to push through the crowd to Jesus, [19] but they couldn't reach him. So they went up to the roof, took off some tiles, and lowered the sick man down into the crowd, still on his mat, right in front of Jesus. [20] Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the man, "Son, your sins are forgiven." [21] "Who does this man think he is?" the Pharisees and teachers of religious law said to each other. "This is blasphemy! Who but God can forgive sins?" [22] Jesus knew what they were thinking, so he asked them, "Why do you think this is blasphemy? [23] Is it easier to say, 'Your sins are forgiven' or 'Get up and walk'? [24] I will prove that I, the Son of Man, have the authority on earth to forgive sins." Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, "Stand up, take your mat, and go on home, because you are healed!" [25] And immediately, as everyone watched, the man jumped to his feet, picked up his mat, and went home praising God. [26] Everyone was gripped with great wonder and awe. And they praised God, saying over and over again, "We have seen amazing things today."

1 Cor. 13:4 (Msg) ...Love never gives up...

Challenges:

Married: Put _____ first.

Singles- Find _____ to put first.

4. Give _____.

1 Cor. 13:7 (NLT) Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

Matthew 22:37-39 (NLT) Jesus replied, " 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' [38] This is the first and greatest commandment. [39] A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

Philip. 2:1-8 (NLT) Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and sympathetic? [2] Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one heart and purpose. [3] Don't be selfish; don't live to make a good impression on others.

Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourself. [4] Don't think only about your own affairs, but be interested in others, too, and what they are doing. [5] Your attitude should be the same that Christ Jesus had. [6] Though he was God, he did not demand and cling to his rights as God. [7] He made himself nothing; he took the humble position of a slave and appeared in human form. [8]

And in human form he obediently humbled himself even further by dying a criminal's death on a cross.