

ABOUNDING IN LOVE

Philippians 1.9-11

UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

Philippians 1.9 // 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 // 1 John 4 // Ephesians 2:4-5

Actually, the word for love that Paul uses here is the word *agapē*, which is...

- From God.
- Best modeled at the cross of Christ!
- Unconditional love.
- It serves regardless of circumstances.

Agape love is not sappy, it's sacrificial.

HEAD AND HEART

Philippians 1.10 // Romans 12:2

How does love abound though? How does it grow???

- Knowledge and Discernment
 - The word for knowledge here means "knowledge gained from personal experience."
 - The word for discernment here means "the ability to apply that knowledge gained in personal experience to the practical details of living."

**"Our love grows soft if it is not strengthened by truth,
and our truth grows hard if it is not softened by love."**

- John Stott

THE END GOAL

Philippians 1.11 // John 15:8 // Matthew 5:16

Why does Paul pray for all of these things?

- For the glory and praise of God.

**"There is no higher purpose in life than to glorify God.
You don't glorify God in order to do something else;
the end of it all is the glory of God."**

-Francis Chan



NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Titus 3:4-6

⁴ But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **2 Year Bible Reading Plan**.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We'd LOVE for you to fill out the green **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our teammates in a **Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information. Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our **Kids on Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. Serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! **Fill out a connection card** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups**! You'll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

GIVING

Gospel-centered generosity is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at **lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give** or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. Visit our website to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart for the ministry and his walkthrough of our curriculum. For questions about KOM email **Katie McGinty** at **katie@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to the junior high room with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **9th - 12th graders** stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. Our **High School Ministry meets on Thursday Nights @7PM at Casey & Amy Barnes Home in San Marcos**. For directions and/or questions about our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at **casey@lifemission.tv**.

VISION: WHY DO WE EXIST?

We want to see God's glory known among the nations, to the least, last, and lost.

MISSION: WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

We need to make disciples who make disciples locally and globally, who are saved, equipped, and sent by the Gospel.

STRATEGY: HOW WILL WE DO IT?

By teaching people how to be rooted in the Gospel of God's glory through the Word of God, Prayer, and Gospel Community.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who is able to recite the memory verse?

Read through **Philippians 1:9-11**. What impacted you the most in these verses or in the message on Sunday? _____

In **Exodus 28:6-12**, it describes how the priest wore the ephod, a skillfully woven and intricate priestly garment, over his heart as a constant reminder to bear the names of the 12 tribes before the Lord. Likewise, Paul, while in chains, lovingly carries the names of the Philippians in his heart. Do you carry a similar burden and intercede in prayer for your brothers and sisters in Christ? If not, how can you cultivate this desire? _____

Read **Colossians 1:9-11**. How can this passage affect the way you pray for others? _____

Praying and interceding for others before God's throne of grace is one of the Christian's most profound conduits of joy and fellowship. How have you experienced the joy and blessing of praying on behalf of others? What are some obstacles that prevent you from praying for and with others? _____

In the context of abounding in our love for God, Pastor Eric talked about the vital role of both knowledge and discernment (**Philippians 1:9-11**) and the importance of the heart working in harmony with the mind. Why is it important to have both knowledge and discernment? What's the difference between knowing *of* God and knowing *about* Him? _____

Read through John Stott's quotation in the notes. Do you tend to focus more on truth over love or vice versa? If so, why? Why is it so imperative that truth and love go hand in hand? _____

Read **1 John 4:7-11**. Knowing that God is love and that Christ's death perfectly exemplifies this agape love, how can we depend upon the Lord to abound in this love? _____

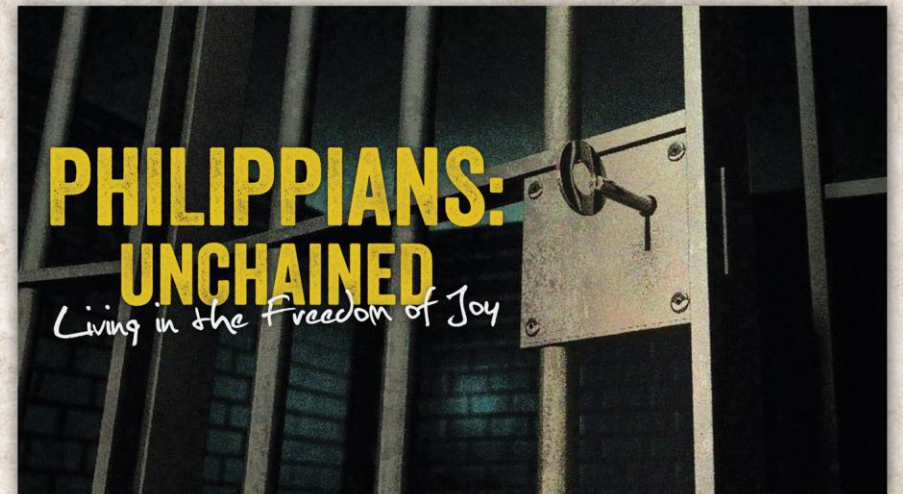
Take some time to pray that God would give you discernment and pray that in light of His love and Christ's perfect example of love that you would not only do what is right but that you also would do what is best.



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**Making Disciples Who Make Disciples Locally and Globally,
Who are Saved, Equipped, and Sent by the Gospel.**



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