

SATURDAY & SUNDAY Discipleship Guide

Message Title: *"Unfailing Love – A Love that Lasts for Eternity"*

Series: *"Blessed" | Week of May 14-20, 2017*

Main Thought:

There are many misconceptions and wrong perspectives on what love is. They may come from traumatic experiences that have taken place in and around our lives. Once a wrong understanding of love is imprinted, we tend to easily carry those same ideas into our current or future relationships. Because of our sinful nature, we lean on our emotions, charisma, and personality, which could lead to hurtful, harmful, and stagnant relationships. Through a relationship with Jesus Christ, we realize His love can heal, regenerate, and restore us. Jesus embodied and modeled for us what love really is by His sacrifice on the cross for us. His love is unending and never fails which empowers us to love others the same way He loves us.

Main Passages:

"...God is love." (1 John 4:8 ESV)

"But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8 ESV)

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.⁸ Love never fails..." (1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

"Nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:39 ESV)

Reflection:

- What especially stands out to you from the main thought and scriptural passages above?

Application:

- Share an experience where a relationship was based on a worldly view on love. What lesson did you learn?
- How does receiving Jesus' love change your perspective of true love and how does it empower you to love others the same?

Group Prayer:

- Pray for faith and courage of our Pearlside 'ohana to continue to grow in their relationship with Jesus.
- Pray for Jesus' love to continually be revealed to the person you are sowing into with the gospel.