



Rock Church

Pastor Miles McPherson | Love Is... In Marriage | 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13:4-8 | February 14, 2021

### **D12 Monthly Focus for February: Gracefully gives and received forgiveness.**

- 1. Love is patient and kind.** Read 1 Corinthians 13:4 and 1 John 5:3. Another definition for patience is suffering. In fact, you do not become patient until you begin suffering, so be kind while you're waiting. We are commanded to love one another. Have a clear picture of your decision to commit, that no matter what changes there are in your relationship with someone, you will help each other obey God even when you're suffering, when you're grumpy, when you're being selfish, even when you're sad.
  - QUESTION: In what ways can you show you are being patient with someone?
- 2. Love is others-centered.** Read Philippians 2:3. When we were younger, we would focus on what *we* could get from love and how *we* would be blessed by it. But the Bible says love is NOT about ourselves, but it's about the other person. Love cannot be focused on what we *get*, it has to be focused on what we *give*, thinking about the interests of others. Many relationships are based on a contract, instead of a commitment. Fall in love with someone you're committed to serving. Your decision to love someone has nothing to do with what they do or don't do. That's how your relationship, whether a marriage or friendship, can stand stronger.
  - QUESTION: How can you be a blessing to others?
- 3. Love is forgiving.** Read 1 Corinthians 13:6-7. Things change as we age and we discover new things about each other through the years. Sometimes we say things we don't mean that can be very painful. So, turn to God by humbling yourself and asking for forgiveness. Love bears all things, hopes all things, and endures all things... it never fails.
  - QUESTION: Are you still holding on to something, whether recent or in your past, that is keeping you from loving someone or others, well?

**This Month's Memory Verse:**

“Bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must* do.” ~Colossians 3:10

**This Week's Bible Reading / The Bible Project Videos:**

Psalm 19-24: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/psalms/>

Numbers 9-33: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/numbers/>

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