**Series: Faith Hope Love**

**Today: For the Love of God**

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***1 Corinthians 13:13***

*And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.*

**You were created to receive and give the love of God.**

***1 Peter 4:8***

*Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.*

***Love: acting sacrificially for the good of the other, even when the other is undeserving.***

***1 Corinthians 13***

*If I speak in the tonguesof men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.*

*4Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.*

*8Love never fails.*

*11When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. 12For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.*

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**Love doesn’t always condone, but love loves.**

“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you… if you love only those who love you, what reward will you get?” -- Jesus (Matthew 5)

**Love requires a strength beyond your natural inclinations.**

**God’s love, received and distributed, sets you apart from a world of “hating and being hated.”**