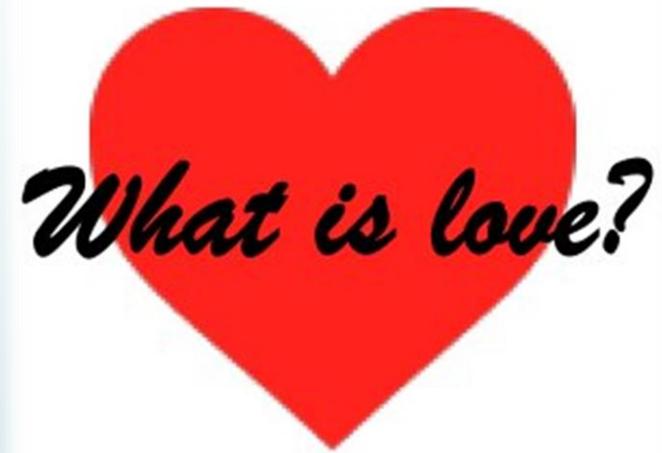




Love: The Most Excellent Way

I Love you If

- ▶ You Love me
- ▶ Always do what I want you to do
- ▶ Never betray me
- ▶ Never make any big mistakes



I Love you Because

- ▶ You have lots of money
- ▶ You are gorgeous
- ▶ Do lots for me
- ▶ Make me Happy
- ▶ Care about me



Love is Essential



- [1Co 12:31 NKJV] 31 But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.



Love First



- **[1Co 13:1-3 NKJV] 1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. 2 And though I have [the gift of] prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed [the poor], and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.**

Characteristics of Love



→ 1 Cor. 13:4 Love suffers long [and] is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; 5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;



**IF YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE
AS IF EVERYTHING IS
ABOUT YOU...**

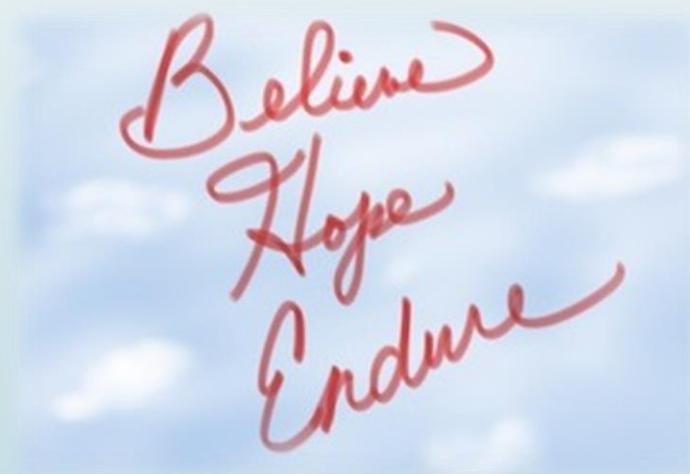
**YOU WILL BE LEFT
WITH JUST THAT.**

JUST YOU.



Characteristics of Love

- ▶ 1 Cor 13:6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.





How do you measure up?

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Love Will Remain

- ▶ **1 Cor 13:8 Love never fails. But whether [there are] prophecies, they will fail; whether [there are] tongues, they will cease; whether [there is] knowledge, it will vanish away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part. 10 But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.**



Love is Eternal

- ▶ 1 Cor. 13:11 When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. 13 And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these [is] love.

What Happens when Love Motivates us to:

- ▶ Share Christ
- ▶ Use Spiritual Gifts
- ▶ Combat Human Emotions
- ▶ Endure Hardships

The only way to do great work is to love what you do.

-Steve Jobs

