

All Things Grow in Love: Week 3- Wait on Love

ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS

1. What do you value most in a friendship?
2. What's something that improved your quality of life so much, you wish you had done it sooner?

WORD

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a (ESV)

*4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant
5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;
[a] 6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. 7 Love
bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things
8 Love never ends.*

Life are made of series of waiting, maybe you just finish on waiting for something or someone, and maybe you are heading to another one? Like waiting on your future spouse, PR approval, promotion at work. Whatever it is, we can wait on love. Love as described in 1 Corinthians 13 is best understood as a way of life, lived in imitation of Jesus Christ, that is focused not on oneself but on the act of love and ways of love. What is good for us is the will of God. Also, love is the common denominator on how we relate—to God, to others, or to ourselves. As followers of Christ, love is our trademark. So if that's the case, when we are waiting, we are not just waiting or compromising our faith in waiting but we are **Waiting on Love**. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 13 that love isn't merely a feeling but a way of relating in life. So love is very important in waiting. Because here, Paul tell us while waiting 8 things love embrace and 8 things love resist.

Love Embraces	Love Resists
Patience (is patient)	Envy (isn't envious)
Kindness (is kind)	Boasting (isn't boastful)

Love Embraces	Love Resists
Truth (rejoices with the truth)	Arrogance (isn't arrogant)
Resilience (bears all things)	Rudeness (isn't rude)
Faith (believes all things)	Selfishness (doesn't insist on its own way)
Hope (hopes all things)	Anger (isn't irritable)
Endurance (endures all things)	Resentment (isn't resentful)
Perseverance (never fails)	Wrongdoing (doesn't rejoice in wrongdoing)

DISCUSSION

Are you waiting for something at the moment? If so, share one.

LIFE APPLICATION

As we wait, let us put love into action by applying what Paul says in I Corinthians 13. Also, by understanding that love is a being. 1 John 4:8 and 16 says God is love. Wait on love is a life in a continues action that will transform us into the image of His Son, be like Christ, grow in Christ, bound in Christ and be filled with the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

DISCUSSION

Look over the words below that describe what it means to demonstrate love. For each one, are you more interested in becoming more like these characteristics as you wait on love.

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| *patience | *kind | *rejoices with truth | *resilience |
| *not envious | *not boastful | *not arrogant | *not rude |
| *faith | * hope | *endurance | *not selfish |
| *not anger | *not resentful | *perseveres | |
| *doesn` t rejoice in wrongdoing | | | |

VERSE TO MEDITATE ON

1 Corinthians 14:1a (NIV)
“Follow the way of love...”

PRAYER

Share your answered prayer. Pray for one another and throughout this week.



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