

Together, Living With Purpose

“The DNA of Love”

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Matt. 16:18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Together, living with purpose by:

- **Building a community that loves everyone deeply.**
- **Developing personal relationships that lead others closer to Jesus.**
- **Equipping each generation to follow Jesus and become disciple makers.**

Key Point # 1: Before Adam and Eve were created, the family of God was already planned and was at the center of God’s heart/mind/will.

John 17:20 “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. 24 Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. John 17:25 O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these and these know that you have sent me. 26 I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

Key Point #2: The bride of Christ (the church) was planned before creation even began.

Key Point #3: As the bride and as the family of God, we are to know his love and to be an extension of his love toward others.

I Cor. 13:1 I may be able to speak the languages of human beings and even of angels, but if I have no love, my speech is no more than a noisy gong or a clanging bell. 2 I may have the gift of inspired preaching; I may have all knowledge and understand all secrets; I may have all the faith needed to move mountains—but if I have no love, I am nothing. 3 I may give away everything I have, and even give up my body to be burned—but if I have no love, this does me no good. 4 Love is patient and kind; it is not jealous or conceited or proud; 5 love is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable; love does not keep a record of wrongs; 6 love is not happy with evil, but is happy with the truth. 7 Love never gives up; and its faith, hope, and patience never fail. (Good News)

Love is that thing which, if a church has it, it doesn’t really need much else, and if doesn’t have it, what everything else it has doesn’t really matter very much” Haddon Robinson

Key Point # 4: If the family of God is optional in your life, then fulfilling I Cor. 13 is also optional.