

# MESSAGE GUIDE

## REBOOT: The Root Reason for the Corinthians' Struggle 1 Corinthians 13



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### CONNECT

- Think of a time when someone sacrificed greatly on your behalf. What did they do? Why did they do it? How did their sacrifice impress/impact you?

### STUDY

In 1 Corinthians 13, Paul gets to one of the big reasons the Corinthian church had such a hard time functioning in a healthy way: they simply don't seem to understand love, thus they don't know how to practice love. And a church without love is at the least, annoying; and at the worst, it can be destructive. So, 1 Corinthians 13 is Paul's primer on the priority, the practice and the permanence of love. Give it a read through, and then consider the following questions:

- Read verses 1-3. What is the point Paul is trying to make in these verses?
- Read verses 4-7. What are some of the ways Paul describes love in action? How does what Paul writes here, compare with how many people think about love in our current culture?

- Paul wraps up this chapter with verses 8-13. What does he say about love in these verses?

### APPLY

- Looking back at verses 4-7, which qualities of love do you feel you have room to improve upon?
- Think of one person who is hard for you to love. What is one concrete way you can show that person love this week?
- Why do you think many people equate love with a feeling, but God equates love to words such as *sacrifice* and *action*?
- Paul writes that "agape" love endures and never fails. How do we see God expressing that kind of love toward us?