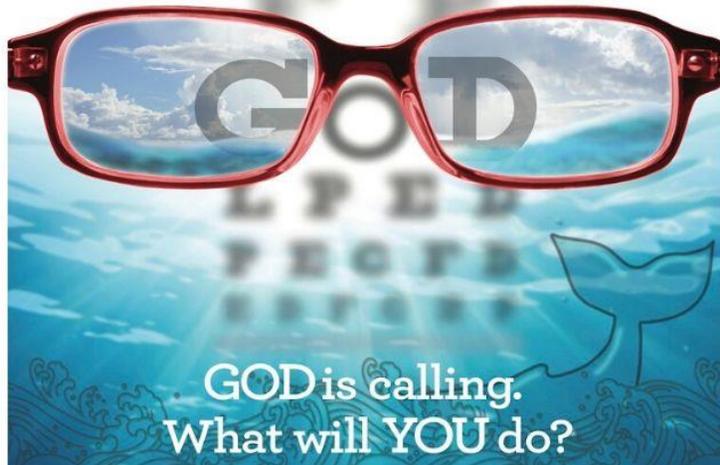


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If I speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy
but don't love, I'm nothing but the creaking of a
rusty gate.

If I speak God's Word with power, revealing all his
mysteries and making everything plain as day, and if
I have faith that says to a mountain, "Jump," and it
jumps, but I don't love, I'm nothing.

If I give everything I own to the poor and even go to
the stake to be burned as a martyr, but I don't love,
I've gotten nowhere. So, no matter what I say, what I
believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love.

1 Corinthians 13:1-3
MSG

"...Only Love Can Do That"

January 24, 2020

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." – MLK, Jr.

Love is _____ to the life of every Christian.

In 1 Corinthians, the love we are called to is an _____ love
that overflows into outer actions.

It is possible to do "loving" things without ever really _____.

Jonah's Anger (4:1-5)

Why was Jonah angry?

- 1) Dislike of the Other/ _____
- 2) Loss of Reputation/ _____

We can _____ God in loving all people and working for renewal.

The Plant and "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" (4:6-8)

The irony is that a short-lived bush made Jonah _____,
while an entire city of people turning to God made Jonah angry.

God's Response and Great Care (4:9-11)

Jonah was more concerned about _____, and his reputation,
and his comfort, than he was the safety of 120,000 people!

God isn't focused on the _____. God is focused on the people.

Negative Effects of Anger

- 1) Good news becomes _____ news. (Verse 2)
- 2) Life seems less _____. (Verses 3, 7, and 9)
- 3) _____. (Verse 5)
- 4) Everything seems _____. (Verses 8-9)
- 5) A _____ is placed on one's relationship with God.

The Better, Most Excellent Way: Love

True Christian love eliminates the _____ between one's
heart and one's actions.

Love is always God's will for us – wherever we find ourselves.

#1Cfridays

- Action Steps:** 1) Identify where you are at in Jonah's _____.
2) Pray for your church and _____ church.