

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment.

I remember when Karen and I were engaged. We were both in college with part-time jobs. We were taking full academic loads, and time was at a premium. We found time for each other. Despite all of the pressures, we made sure we spent time with each other. Why? It's simple. We were in love. We've been married since 1971, and I love her more now than when we were first engaged, and she feels the same.

When you love someone you'll do whatever it takes to nurture and develop the relationship. If you're engaged or married you know exactly what I'm talking about. Love is the stuff of sacrifice. Love is the bedrock foundational motivation for all we do, and it's the essence of what the church of Jesus Christ is all about.

Listen to the opening 3 verses of the Love chapter, 1 Corinthians chapter 13; “If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy and know all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I deliver my body to be burned but do not have love, it profits me nothing.”

Love is placed at the center of the table. Everything else pales in significance compared to love. No matter what we do or how eloquent we are, nothing can replace love. Love is the distinguishing mark of the church.

Here's what I want you to remember today. Examine your heart and motivation for relationships. Do you love people? Do you sincerely care about others? Ask God to fill your heart with love.