

MAKE A WISH

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because servants do not know their master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other. JOHN 15:9-17 TNIV

1. IF YOU HAD ONE WISH WHAT WOULD YOU WISH FOR?

Money	Fame
Family	True Love
Power	World Peace
Sex	Friendship
Health	

King Solomon was asked this very question-

One night while Solomon was in Gideon, the LORD God appeared to him in a dream and said, "Solomon, ask for anything you want, and I will give it to you."

1 KINGS 3:5 CEV

- King Solomon asked for wisdom

Please make me wise and teach me the difference between right and wrong. 1 KINGS 3:9 CEV

- God was pleased with his choice and blessed him with more than just wisdom

God said: "Solomon, I'm pleased that you asked for this. You could have asked to live a long time or to be rich. Or you could have asked for your enemies to be destroyed. Instead, you asked for wisdom to make right decisions. So I'll make you wiser than anyone who has ever lived or ever will live. I'll also give you what you didn't ask for. You'll be rich and respected as long as you live, and you'll be greater than any other king." 1 KINGS 3:10-13 CEV

2. So What would you ask for? Wisdom-

When the son of David was king in Jerusalem, he was known to be very wise, and he said: "Nothing makes sense! Everything is nonsense. I have seen it all-- nothing makes sense!"

ECCLESIASTES 1:1-2 CEV

- Wisdom is fine but without out love it is worthless

If I speak in human or angelic tongues, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I

possess to the poor and give over my body [to hardship] that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. 1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-3 TNIV

- Jesus wants me to ask for Love!

Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.
1 CORINTHIANS 14:1 ESV

3. LOVE CAN ONLY POUR OUT OF ME WHEN I REALIZE IT ISN'T IN ME

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8 TNIV

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 1 JOHN 4:10 TNIV

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. 1 JOHN 4:16 TNIV

4. GOD'S LOVE IS AT ITS BEST WHEN I LOVE SOMEONE AT THEIR WORST

You have heard people say, "Love your neighbors and hate your enemies." But I tell you to love your enemies and pray for anyone who mistreats you. Then you will be acting like your Father in heaven. He makes the sun rise on both good and bad people. And he sends rain for the ones who do right and for the ones who do wrong. If you love only those people who love you, will God reward you for that? Even tax collectors love their friends. If you greet only your friends, what's so great about that? Don't even unbelievers do that? MATTHEW 5:43-47 CEV

5. LOVE IS ONLY TRULY RECEIVED WHEN I GIVE IT AWAY

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.
1 JOHN 4:12 TNIV

This week ask God to help you love your:

Friends	Small group	Enemy
Family	Church	Stranger

His love pushes us toward real friendship with:

- Him
- His Church

