

A scenic landscape featuring a sunset over a mountain range. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow and long rays across the sky. The foreground is filled with a dense field of colorful flowers, primarily in shades of pink, purple, and blue. The background shows rolling mountains under a sky with scattered clouds.

Announcements

- Women's Event Reminder – This Saturday
- Worship/Prayer Night Thursday 6:30pm /Small group Sunday
- Sunday Morning Greeters

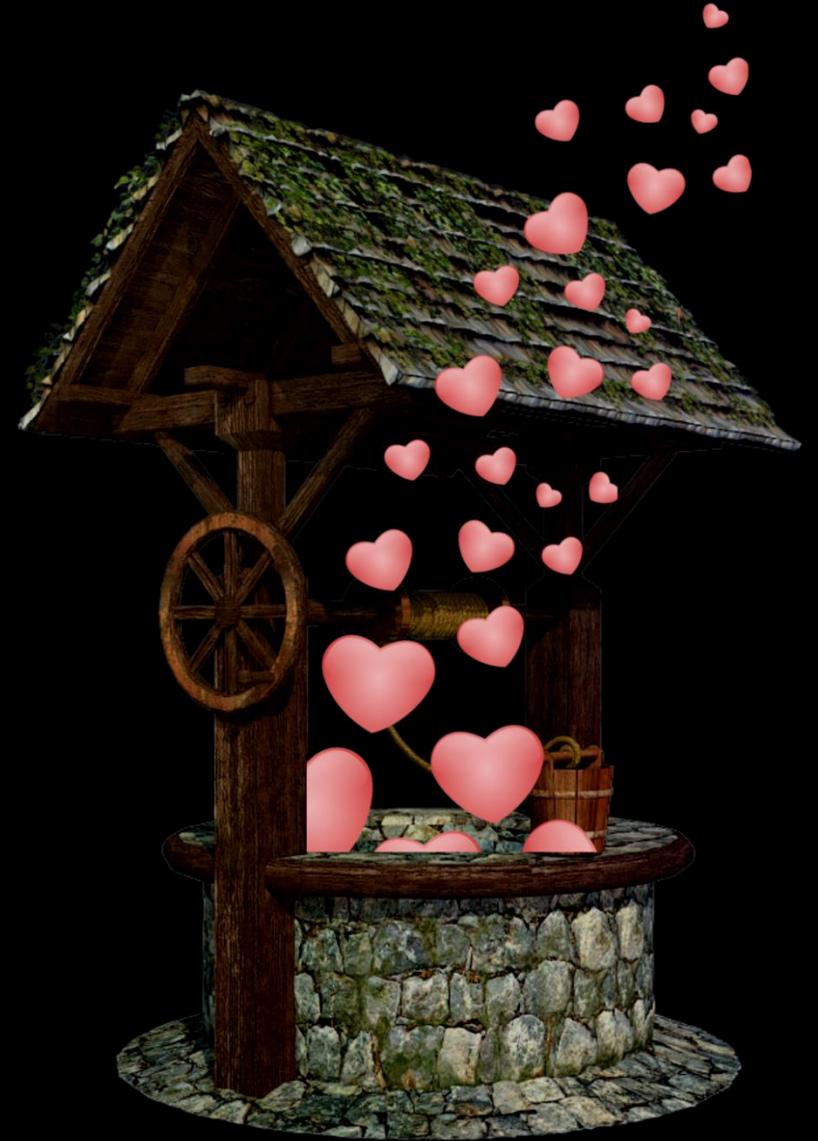
Love Well

1 John 4:7

Dear friends, let us love one another, for **love comes from God**. Everyone who loves has been **born of God** and knows God. NIV

1 John 4:16b

God is love. Whoever **lives in love lives in God**, and **God in him**. NIV



What is the definition of love?

- Strong affection for another arising out of kinship or personal ties
- Unselfish loyal and benevolent concern for the good of another
- A score of zero in Tennis
 - L'oeuf = egg in french





Hebrew – Ahab: To have affection for

Family love - Gen 22:2 Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about." NIV

Intimate love between a man and a woman - Gen 29:16 Jacob was in love with Rachel and said, "I'll work for you seven years in return for your younger daughter Rachel." NIV

To love something – food/drink/sleep/evil Prov 20:13 Do not love sleep or you will grow poor; stay awake and you will have food to spare. NIV

Love for God – Ps 116:1 I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. NIV

God's love for us - Ps 66:20 Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me! NIV



Some attributes of God's love described in the Psalms:

Unfailing - 6:4

Great - 17:7

Everpresent - 26:3

Wonderful - 31:21

Far Reaching - 36:5

Better than life - 63:3

Good - 69:16

Abounding - 86:5

Stands firm - 89:2

Faithful - 89:24

Enduring - 100:5

With those who fear Him - 103:17

Rich in love - 145:8



Agapa – (noun) love, affection, benevolence – Love as a deliberate choice – acted out by the will

Mark 12:30 (verb form agapao (ag-ap-ah'-o) Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' NIV

1 John 4:16 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 him. NIV

1 Corinthians 13 love chapter

Eph 5:25 – Husbands **Agapao** your wives

Phileo –(verb) sentiment or feeling, to be a friend, affection (philema: a kiss)

John 11:35-36 Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" NIV





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The Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5) Description of Love (1 Corinthians 13)

Love – contains all of the below yellow words

Joy – rejoices with truth

Peace – keeps no record of wrong, does not envy

Patience – Patient, always perseveres

Kindness – Kind, not rude, not self seeking

Goodness – Does not delight in evil,

Faithfulness – always protects, always trusts, always hopes, never fails

Gentleness – not easily angered

Self Control – does not boast, not proud



John 15:7-14

7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. **Now remain in my love.** 10 **If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love,** just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. 12 **My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.** 13 **Greater love has no one than this,** that he lay down his life for his friends. NIV



Other ingredients of love...

- **Obedience**

John 14:23-24 Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and **we will come to him and make our home with him**. 24 He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. NIV

- **Sacrifice**

John 3:16 "God so **loved** the world that He **gave** His only son..."



Lord, do I have any untapped potential to love well?

