

ANCIENT PATHS

Part 6

The Way of Love

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HONOR THE PAST. LIVE IT NOW. PASS IT ON.

“This is what the Lord says: ‘Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.’”

— Jeremiah 6:16

The ancient path has always been the way of love.

THE HEART OF IT

“This is real love — not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us.”

— 1 John 4:10-12

Love is not just something God does — it’s who He is.

Love people the way Jesus loved people.

THE WAY OF LOVE

“If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn’t love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God’s secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn’t love others, I would be nothing. If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn’t love others, I would have gained nothing.”

— 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

“Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.”

— 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

FOUR TRUTHS ABOUT LOVE

1. Love Is More Important Than Anything Else

Jesus never compromised truth, but He always led with love.

2. Love Changes How We Treat People

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3. The Holy Spirit Produces Love Through Me

“The way I define love is by using the fruit of the Spirit, which starts with love. I believe that joy is love rejoicing, peace is love at rest, patience is love waiting, kindness is love interacting, goodness is love initiating, faithfulness is love keeping its word, gentleness is love empathising, and self-control is love resisting temptation.”

— Michael Timmis

4. Love Never Fails

“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

— John 13:35

HOW DO WE WALK IN THIS KIND OF LOVE?

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1. Understand the Depth of God’s Love Toward You

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— 1 John 4:10

2. Receive God’s Love

“But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

— Romans 5:8

3. Choose to Love

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— 1 John 4:12

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Walk in it.