



JANUARY 26, 2020  
SERMON NOTES  
"FAITH IN ACTION"  
I CORINTHIANS 13:1-3



**I. Introduction/review**

- A. The question we have focused on throughout this series is “what breaks your \_\_\_\_\_?”
- B. Once you decide to do something about “what breaks your heart”, it's going to \_\_\_\_\_ you something.
- C. Believers are often content to believe something rather than \_\_\_\_\_ something.

**II. Good for nothing**

- A. If we have the most intimate connection with God, but we don't have love for others, we're just a bunch of \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. If we pray elaborate prayers and even become Biblical scholars, but we don't have love for others, we're \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. If we give it all away in a giant demonstration of religion, but we don't have love for others, our faith is good for \_\_\_\_\_.

**III. Motion in our devotion**

- A. You've got to put some \_\_\_\_\_ in your devotion.
- B. When our faith stops with a focus on me being more holy, our message to the world is: We know it all and we're \_\_\_\_\_ than you are.
- C. At the center of the gospel is the fact that God \_\_\_\_\_ something, not simply believed something.

**Things I would like to remember about this message:**

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# Asbury Daily Study Guide

## INTRODUCTION

This is the season of self-improvement. We challenge ourselves to get slimmer, stronger, and smarter. But if you want to become a better person, focus less on yourself and more on doing something to make the world a better place. The challenge is that making the world a better place requires giving up some part of our lives—time, money, or opportunities. It will cost you some life. We don't want to give up some life. We want to preserve our lives. But Jesus said that the only way to live a life of purpose and meaning is to give our lives away

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### Monday: Romans 12:9-17

In this passage, Paul is giving us illustrations of what it looks like to live a life of **love in action**. In v. 11, he encourages us to never lack passion or zeal in serving the Lord. Have you ever known or seen someone that seemed to live with purpose and passion? What are some of the qualities that made that person unique?

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### Tuesday: Matthew 7:24-29

Believers are often content to believe something rather than do something. But Jesus makes it clear that if we are just learning and not putting his teachings into action, we are like the fool who built his house on sand. What are some of the costs to our culture of Christians who know a lot about their faith but don't love well?

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### Wednesday: John 13:34-35

During the message, Eric said, "Devotion to God doesn't stop at perfect moral behavior. Devotion to God is authenticated by love for others." Respond to that statement. In what ways is it challenging? In what ways is it comforting?

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### Thursday: I Corinthians 13:1-3

What aspects of faith do you tend to emphasize over love—knowledge, generosity, prayer, emotional connection to God? What draws you to those aspects of faith?

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### Friday Luke 4:18-19

As Jesus begins his public ministry he teaches in the synagogue and quotes this passage from the prophet Isaiah. As Jesus followers, are you bringing good news to the poor? Think about what breaks your heart. In what ways might addressing that problem require you to step outside of your comfort zone?

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## MOVING FORWARD

To make the world a better place, you don't have to quit your job, but you may have to quit doing something. You don't have to become a missionary and leave the country, but you may have to leave your comfort zone. You don't have to give all of your money, but you may have to give a percentage. That's because your devotion to God is authenticated by love for others and love for others will cost you some life.

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### Answers to the sermon notes:

- IA) heart, B) cost, C) do.
- IIA) noise, B) nobody, C) nothing.
- IIIA) motion, B) better, C) did.