

# Household of Faith fidelity



"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men,  
especially unto them who are of the household of faith." - Galatians 6:10

Week of Sunday, 22nd March 2026

## Unconditional Love Changes Everything (2/2)

Love Never Fails. Things fail. Relationships fail.

People that we rely on let us down. Our good intentions can be misunderstood. Even the best of friends lose touch or move away. But love never fails. How is this possible? What kind of love is this? And in what way does it never fail?

English speakers use the word "love" rather loosely. We say we love Netflix, durians, dogs, parents, and our country all with the same verb. The ancient Greeks were more specific and had different words for each kind of love, from eros (erotic love) to agape (Christ-like love), with three other words in between (mania, storge and philo).

In 1 Corinthians 13:8 the original Greek word used here is 'agape', Christ-like love. It is an act of the mind, rather than a feeling of the heart. Because God loves us so much even though we do not deserve it, we can make up our minds to agape our enemies.

Romans 12:20 explains how this is done, 'Therefore if your enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing you shall heap coals of fire on his head.'

So when the Bible declares that love never fails, we must understand that it is not referring to the kind of love we are familiar with, such as family or physical love. It is describing a new kind of love that the world did not know about, until Jesus came down from heaven to teach us and show us by His life.

Jesus said in John 13:34-35, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, just like I have loved you; that you also love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." The commandment to love one another is as old as the Old Testament (Leviticus 19:18). The commandment that Jesus gives us is new, because we are to love not as we see fit, but to love just like Jesus. How did He love?

1. Jesus loved us before we even sinned, a thought for Him. In John 1:48-49, the Bible records that Jesus told Nathanael when you were under the fig tree, I saw you. While we were in our sins, busy with our own indulgences, not sparing a thought for Jesus, He loved us enough to notice us, choose us and die for us!

2. While He was on earth, Jesus devoted 24/7 of His time for others. The only time Jesus had for Himself was late at night and early in the morning, which He spent in communion with our Father. Even then, He was praying for us and asking for strength to serve us better (John 17:15).

3. The love of Jesus is one that knows not colour, race or status. It even cuts across character or spirituality. Whatever your station in life, He reaches out to you where you are, even in your broken state, with His grace to turn your heart back home to God (Luke 9:52).

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4. Jesus' love was totally unconditional. Mary, Martha and Lazarus embraced Him. Judas betrayed Him. He wistfully watched the rich young ruler walk away. Jesus loved them all, allowing each to respond to His offer of salvation, never ever forcing His will on them (Revelation 3:20).

Jesus' love never fails because He is love. His entire life is one that radiates with grace, mercy and kindness. The best a Christian can do in any situation is to ask, what would Jesus do? Like the parable of the prodigal son that He told, His love is one that is ready to let go, is patient to wait for your return and rushes to welcome you home.

May we learn from Jesus, and then reach out and touch each person we meet with this love that we have so undeservingly received. Because this kind of love will never fail and unconditional love changes everything.

There is nothing more important for anyone to

do than respond in a reciprocal manner to God's unconditional love - paying it forward; and extending it to our fellowmen. Jesus said in Matthew 22:37-39, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. A second likewise is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

When this message takes root, souls render obedience to Christ, grow in grace and backsliders return to their first love.

Christians who respond to God in unconditional love will stay faithful in all situations, worship God in spirit and truth, and reach out to touch others with this love. When we extend unconditional love to our fellow men, we let our light shine, pointing one and all to God. It is a challenging journey to learn, practice and grow in unconditional love. However, there is no joy as sweet and no experience as satisfying as when we submit ourselves to God's greatest commandments in this area.

- Henry Kong

## Agape Love Meaning

Selfless, unconditional love  
that expects nothing in return.



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Clockwise: Michael, Tng Huat and Jesse serving at communion/giving; Adults Care teams in session; Henry exhorting the congregation; Lunch fellowship with delicious home-cooked meals - thanks to Iris, Elaine, Catherine, Annie, Phai; June for Taiwan snacks, Catherine & Jesse for Hawaii macadamia nuts and shortbread cookies.



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*Celebrating Our 8th Anniversary*



Welcome to the  
Household of Faith

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026

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Lessons from the  
**Sermon**  
ON THE  
**Mount**

## Fasting (1/4)

1. Do not be like the hypocrites.
2. Do not turn your devotion to God into a show, by contorting their faces, that they may be observed to be fasting.
3. All you get is men's praise - this will be their reward.
4. Here is how to do it - *But you, when you fast, anoint your head, and wash your face; so that you are not seen by men to be fasting, but by your Father who is in secret*
5. Your Father, who sees, will reward you.

## Our Service to the Lord (2/4)

All Christians serve the Lord

Sometimes we do it the wrong way

Often for the wrong reasons

Jesus sets it right on the Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 6:24 *"No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You can't serve both God and Mammon."*

## Treasures (3/4)

Of universal interest

Matthew 6:19-21

*"Don't lay up treasures for yourselves on the earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break through and steal;*

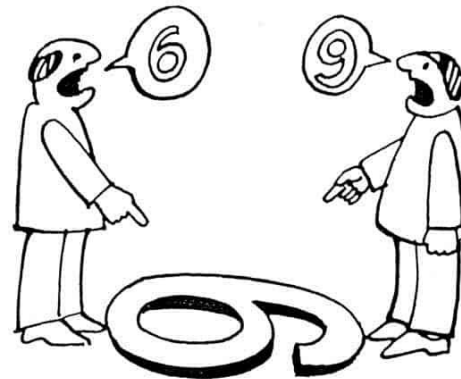
*but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consume, and where thieves don't break through and steal;*

*for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

## Perception (4/4)

Matthew 6:22-23 *"The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!"*

How we see things is so important!



## Our Perspective

Colossians 3:2

*Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.*

Where is the light of scammers?

Every day using their ability to cheat and steal!

Even robbing the elderly of their life savings



# Sermon ON THE Mount

## Introduction

## Our Perspective

It's not  
what you look at  
that matters, it's  
what you see.



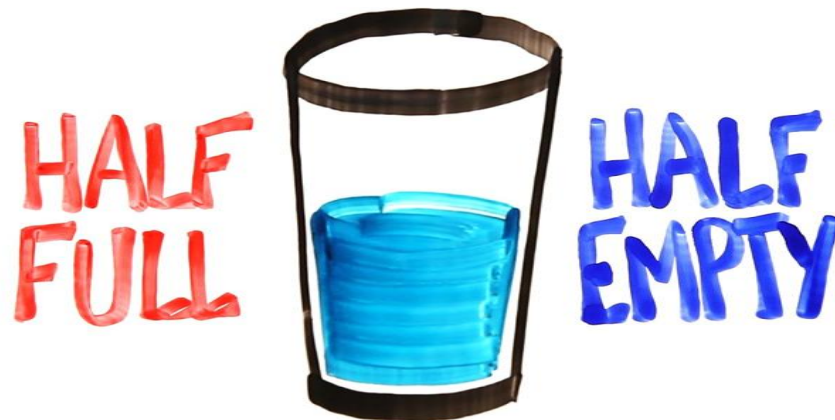
## Our Perspective

The key to successful living is your perspective in life

Is the world a friendly place?

Are you optimistic or pessimistic?

Are things going against you?



## Our Perspective

Singaporeans like to complain about Singapore

Then the moment we go abroad, and step into their airport, we wonder why things are not like Singapore



## Is there a Problem?

Half the solution is how you look at the problem

*Acts 5:41-42 They therefore departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for Jesus' name. Every day, in the temple and at home, they never stopped teaching and preaching Jesus, the Christ.*



## Is there a Problem?

James 1:2-4 encourages us to *“count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.”*



## Is there a Problem?

2 Corinthians 12: 9-10

*“But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”*



## How to Look at Your Life

1. Christians are not immune from problems, but we are not alone - Hebrews 13:5 *for he has said, "I will in no way leave you, neither will I in any way forsake you."*



## How to Look at Your Life

2. God will help you and provide a way out -  
1 Corinthians 10:13 *No temptation has taken you except what is common to man. God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted above what you are able, but will with the temptation also make the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.*
3. Even in the worst circumstances -  
Romans 8:28 *We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to his purpose.*

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## Conclusion

1 Corinthians 2:16 *"For who has known the mind of the Lord, that he should instruct him?" But we have Christ's mind.*

Romans 12:2 *Don't be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what is the good, well-pleasing, and perfect will of God.*





