

**Victory Connect Lesson**  
**Learning the Language of Love**  
**Pastor Paul Daugherty**  
**February 18, 2024**

**Key Passage:** 1Jo 4:7-8 NKJV - 7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 He who does not love does not know God, **for God is love.**

**Introduction:** Loving God is easy, loving others can be hard. Communication is the currency of relationships. How we receive God's love for us, impacts how well we love others. Jesus is the example of perfect love.

**What to do when facing conflict or strife:**

**1. Look inwardly first.** (Are you at fault?) Jas 4:1 NIV - 1 What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?

**2. Always go to God first.** (Don't expect from others what only God can provide.) Jas 4:2 NIV - 2 You desire but do not have ...You do not have because you do not ask God.

**3. Be the first to humble yourself.** Jas 4:10 NIV - 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

**Keys to Learning the Language of Love:**

**1. Content Matters.** Pro 18:21 NET - 21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love its use will eat its fruit.

**2. Timing Matters.** (Love initiates reconciliation.) 1Jo 4:19 KJV - 19 We love him, because he first loved us.

**3. Tone Matters.** Pro 15:1 NIV - 1 A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

**4. Attitude Matters.** (Be sincere.) 1Pe 1:22 NIV - 22 Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have **sincere love** for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Do you get flustered easily?
2. Share a time you initiated a reconciliation?
3. Share a time a gentle answer turned away wrath?

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