♦SERMON NOTES **♦**

Sunday, January 24, 2010

"LOVE MATTERS MOST"

(Matthew 22:36-39)

Welcome to Week One of *Forty Days of Love*. Jesus said love is the most important priority for our lives. We are called by God to love Him first and then to love everyone else. We know love is important but we forget to make it important. Today we want to focus on WHY love is so important.

1. Love	my faith.
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anyone who does not	ove God,' yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For t love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love of seen" (1 John 4:20, NIV).
2. Love	my life.
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3. Love	for my sin.
"Above all, love ed multitude of sins" (1	ach other deeply, because love covers over a Peter 4:8, NIV).
4. Love	forever.
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"If anyone says, 'I love God,' yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen" (1 John 4:20, NIV).

2. Love <u>integrates</u> my life.

"Love is more important than anything else. It is what ties everything else together" (Colossians 3:14, CEV).

3. Love <u>compensates</u> for my sin.

"Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins" (1 Peter 4:8, NIV).

4. Love <u>reverberates</u> forever.

"Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love" (1 Corinthians 13:13, NLT).

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