♦SERMON NOTES **♦**

Sunday, May 8, 2011

"REMEMBERING WHAT MATTERS MOST"

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On this Mother's Day Sunday we will spend our time in the "love chapter" of the Bible. What does it mean to live a life that reflects Christ at every turn and demonstrates His love to all?

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"Teach us to make the most of our time" (Psalm 90:12, NLT).

1. THE BEST ________ IS LOVE. "Let love be your highest goal" (1 Corinthians 14:1, NLT). 2. THE BEST EXPRESSION OF LOVE ______. "And live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God" (Ephesians 5:2, NIV).

3. THE BEST TIME TO LOVE _____

"Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith" (Galatians 6:10, NLT).

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1. THE BEST <u>USE OF LIFE</u> IS LOVE.

"Let love be your highest goal" (1 Corinthians 14:1, NLT).

"If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:3, NIV).

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

2. THE BEST EXPRESSION OF LOVE IS TIME.

"Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth" (I John 3:18, NIV).

"And live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God" (Ephesians 5:2, NIV).

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