

20/20 VISION
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John 7:37-38

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'"

1 Corinthians 13:1-7

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It

does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

REFLECT & DISCUSS

1. Read the passage slowly. Then take a deep breath and read it again. What word, phrase or image stands out to you?
2. What do you make of the quote: "Love that is not intentional is not much love at all." Why might it be important for St. Paul (and for each of us) to further learn what grows our capacity for love?
3. How might the values listed below grow the capacity for love, becoming the riverbed where love flows like a "river of living water" in a community of faith?
4. Would you describe your faith like a "river of living water" flowing from your heart? What gets in the way of this flow? What can you do today, this week, and/or this year to help your faith become a love that flows more freely and fully?

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5. Review and reflect on the drafted vision frame for South Elkhorn. It is meant to capture who we are, drive us forward, and help create a vision for living out God's call each year.

South Elkhorn's Vision Frame

Mission

What we are uniquely called to do as church

Inspiring Christ's deeper way of love

Values

What inspires us and
keeps love flowing...

Extravagant Welcome

Real Rest

Spiritual Resilience

Courageous Conversation

Contagious Joy

Marks

Christ's life and love
leads each of us to...

Open Heart

Sharing Life,
Braving Vulnerability

Open Arms

Embracing Difference,
Extending Grace

Open Hands

Serving Others,
Giving Generously

Open Eyes

Seeking Wisdom
Beholding Wonder

Open Ears

Creating Stillness,
Listening Carefully

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