

That Crazy Little Thing Called Love

Track Two: Picture to Burn

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Scripture

“When I was a child, I talked about love like a child talks about love. I thought about love like a child thinks about love. When I fantasized about what love would be like, I fantasized like you would expect a child to fantasize. But when I grew up, I put those childish ideas about love behind me.” (1 Corinthians 13:11)

Picture to Burn

“I hate that stupid old pickup truck
You never let me drive
You’re a redneck heartbreak
Who’s really bad at lying
So watch me strike a match
On all my wasted time
As far as I’m concerned you’re
Just another picture to burn!”
(Taylor Swift, Picture To Burn)

God wants you to be a great lover.

Great lovers have a great lover.

Anyone can become a great lover.

I am going to focus my energy on _____.
(Choose a word from 1 Cor. 13:4-7)

Great lovers are great givers.

The Hebrew word for love, ahavah, reveals this true definition of love, for the word ahavah is built upon the root consonants h v, which means “to give.” In order for love to be real love, it has to be expressed as an action, it is not something we feel.

“The best love is the kind that awakens the soul and makes us reach for more, that plants a fire in our hearts and brings peace to our minds. And that’s what you’ve given me. That’s what I’d hoped to give you forever.” (Nicholas Sparks, *The Notebook*)

Discussion Questions

1. What are some of the childish ideas adults have about love? What childish ideas about love have impacted your relationships?
2. How does knowing God as our lover make us better lovers? What are some of the ways God’s love can benefit our relationships?
3. Why did you choose your area of focus? What do you hope to gain by focusing on this one area for growth?



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