

April 19, 2009 Sermon Notes: ----- Pastor Jack Bracy

40 Days of Love

LOVE MATTERS MOST

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"Which is the most important command?" Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind, This is the first and greatest commandment. The second most important is similar: Love your neighbor as much as you love yourself." Matthew 22:36-39 TLB

3 LAWS OF LOVE

I. The Best Use of Life is love

Why? Love validates my faith

"Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." 1 John 4:8 NIV

"If we say we love God, but hate others, we are liars. For we cannot love God, whom we have not seen, if we do not love others, whom we have seen." 1 John 4:20 TEV

Why? Love integrates my life

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

Why? Love compensates for sin

"Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins." 1 Peter 4:8 NLT

"God wiped out the charges that were against us for disobeying his Law. He took them away and nailed them to the cross." Colossians 2:14 CEV

Why? Love reverberates forever

"Three things will continue forever: faith, hope, and love. And the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:13 NCV

"No matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love." 1 Corinthians 13:3 MSG

II. The Best Expression of Love is time

"We must show love through actions that are sincere, not through empty words." 1 John 3:18 GW

"The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love."  
Galatians 5:6 NIV

"Live a life filled with love for others, following the example of Christ, who loved you and gave himself as a sacrifice to take away your sins." Ephesians 5:2 NLT

### III. The Best Time to Love is now

"Whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone..."  
Galatians 6:10 NLT

"Use every chance you have for doing good." Ephesians 5:16 NCV

"Whenever you possibly can, do good to those who need it. Never tell your neighbors to wait until tomorrow if you can help them now." Proverbs 3:27-28 GN

"Eagerly pursue and seek to acquire love. Make it your aim, your great quest..." 1 Corinthians 14:1 Amp