

## 1 Corinthians 13

Roving – What is love?

The bible has the ultimate description of what love is...

Reading – 1 Corinthians 13

Game – how deep is your love

Everyone stand up. If you can honestly say the word matches you, stay standing. If it doesn't, sit down.

Truth be told, this is a description of love that none of us on our own can live up to. We aren't always patient, we aren't always kind. So why do we have this description of love like this? The answer is that this is an ultimate perfect ideal based on the love that God has for us. God's love is perfect and it can only be that way because God is the one who created the very idea of love and as it says elsewhere in the bible, "God is love". And the ultimate way that God showed his love for us was by dying for us. That is how much God loves us.

Our response to God loving us should be to then love one another. We shouldn't look at the passage from 1 Corinthians and be downhearted because we don't match up but rather we should use it as a model and example. It should be something we aspire to be like and the one who will help us to be more and more like it is God himself. Through his Holy Spirit, he can change and transform us.

Today is Mothering Sunday. It's a day, not only to honour our mums but anyone woman who has been a mother figure to us or an inspiration to us. Every single one of us will know of several women who have shown us patience, kindness, gentleness, who've been humble, forgiving selfless. Some are still with us, some aren't. Whether they are still with us or with the Lord, I think today is a day to remember and give thanks for them and then to take the example they set us, to take the love they showed us and to then love someone else and inspire someone else.

So, let's pause for a moment and remember in our hearts some of those women who've been part of our lives who have loved us deeply and inspired us.

We'll never be perfect in our love for one another but that shouldn't stop us from trying. The world is in need of love, God's love shown through his people. So, let us love one another as God has loved us.