

#### IV. LOVE IS GENTLE

*“7 But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children.*

*8 So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us.”*

I Thessalonians 2:7-9

##### A. Cherish people (v7).

*“29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

*30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”*

Matthew 11:29-30

##### B. Share your life (vs 8-9).

*“10 But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance,*

*11 persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured.”*

II Timothy 3:10-11

#### V. LOVE IS ENCOURAGING

*“10 You are witnesses, and God also, how devoutly and justly and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among you who believe;*

*11 as you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father does his own children,*

*12 that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.”*

I Thessalonians 2:10-12

##### A. Encourage with your presence (v 10).

*“Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.”*

I Corinthians 11:1

##### B. Encourage with your words (vs 11-12).

*“Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.”*

Psalms 34:11

#### WE MUST UNITE TOGETHER AND DECLARE THE GOSPEL!

#### DECLARE THE GOSPEL Declare The Gospel By Loving Pastor Jim Womer

#### INTRODUCTION

##### A. What is our Global Missions Focus?

Mission: Making sure that everyone in the world hears the Gospel of Jesus Christ correctly and planting New Testament churches among those who believe.

*“23 So when they had appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.*

*24 And after they had passed through Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia.*

*25 Now when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia.*

*26 From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work which they had completed.*

*27 Now when they had come and gathered the church together, they reported all that God had done with them, and that He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.”*

Acts 14:23-27

##### B. The theme of our 2021 Global Missions Focus is “DECLARE THE GOSPEL”.

*“Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand,”*

I Corinthians 15:1

##### C. In DECLARE THE GOSPEL, we will be challenged to go declare the gospel to everyone. This seven part series features the following messages:

July 11 Focusing On Missions

July 18 Declare The Gospel!

July 25 Declare The Gospel By Going

Aug 1 Declare The Gospel By Supporting

Aug 8 Declare The Gospel By Praying

Aug 15 Declare The Gospel By Evangelizing

TODAY Declare The Gospel By Loving

##### D. TEXT: I Thessalonians 2:1-12

## DECLARE THE GOSPEL BY LOVING

### What Is Love?

Action: *“4 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;*

*5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;*

*6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*

*7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”*

I Corinthians 13:4-7

Result of the Holy Spirit: *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.”* Galatians 5:22-23

Commandment: *“30 And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ This is the first commandment.*

*31 And the second, like it, is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”*

Mark 12:30-31

### I. LOVE IS SACRIFICIAL

*“1 For you yourselves know, brethren, that our coming to you was not in vain.*

*2 But even after we had suffered before and were spitefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we were bold in our God to speak to you the gospel of God in much conflict.”*

I Thessalonians 2:1-2

#### A. Love even when you are treated poorly (v1- 2a).

*“43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’*

*44 But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,*

*45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.”*

Matthew 5:43-45

#### B. Love when you are in conflict (v2b).

*“ looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”*

Hebrews 12:2

### II. LOVE IS TRUTHFUL

*“3 For our exhortation did not come from error or uncleanness, nor was it in deceit.*

*4 But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but*

*God who tests our hearts.”* I Thessalonians 2:3-4

#### A. Speak truthfully (v3).

*“but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—*

Ephesians 4:15

#### B. Possess the gospel (v4a).

*“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.”*

Romans 1:16

#### C. Seek to please God and not people (v4b).

*“For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.”*

Galatians 1:10

### III. LOVE HAS PURE MOTIVES

*“5 For neither at any time did we use flattering words, as you know, nor a cloak for covetousness—God is witness.*

*6 Nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others, when we might have made demands as apostles of Christ.”*

I Thessalonians 2:5-6

#### A. Examine your motives (v 5).

*“Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.”*

Proverbs 4:23

#### B. Humble your motives (v6).

*“Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.”*

James 4:10