



### Sunday Schedule:

~ Session I: 9:30am-10:45am  
~ Session II: 11:15am- 12:30am

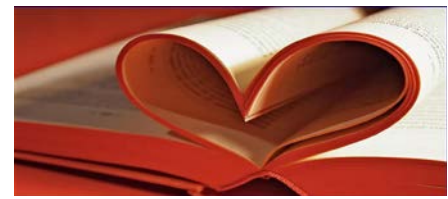
### Friday:

~ AWANA 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

### Calendar 2017

02/11 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm  
AWANA Parents Fun Day

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## Show your love On Valentine's Day

Miranda Liang

Are you celebrating Valentine's Day? The true meaning of Valentine's Day does not have much to do with roses, chocolates, and heart-shaped gifts. It has much more to do with real love than we realize. Indeed, Christians have long understood that love is much costlier, stronger, and more difficult than the cheap romanticism of our age.

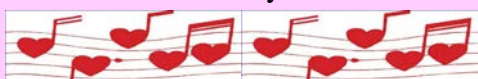
The Bible tells us what's truth love. God not only has love - God is love ([1 John 4:8](#)) Love is what prompted Christ's saving efforts on the cross ([John 3:16](#)). All the commandments in the Bible hangs on the idea of loving God and loving one another. God's love is greater and stronger than even the devotion of a nursing mother according to ([Isaiah 49:15](#)).

But how can we live out this love in our own lives? What does it look like? What examples can we find in Scripture to inspire us to keep loving, no matter how dark and cold the night may become?

Here are five beautiful ways the Bible shows us how to live with love.

1. Lift up the broken, enlarge the small, and favor the weak ([Matthew 19:14](#); [Mark 5:24-34](#); [John 4](#))
2. Have patience with each other ([Colossians 3:12-13](#); [2 Peter 3:9](#))
3. Be generous ([1 Thessalonians 5:11](#); [Galatians 6:2](#))
4. Don't withhold forgiveness ([Colossians 3:13](#); [Mark 11:25](#); [James 5:16](#))
5. Keep your promises ([Psalm 89:4](#))

For Valentine's Day, we're to share heartfelt wishes for those who've inspired us, encouraged us, and filled our hearts over the past year. Who should get some Valentine's love? What would you do to show them your love?



## LEARN & ACTION

In January, we learned about God's amazing power. The unit verse is [2 Peter 1:3a](#), "His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness." The Bible characters include Joshua, Ruth and Samuel. Please review with your kids with the key point, list below to help your kids apply their Biblical learning to their daily lives.

- ♥ God is with you wherever you go.
- ♥ People should obey, respect, and honor God because He loves them.
- ♥ God can use people, even when they make mistakes.
- ♥ God has a plan for families.
- ♥ God wants people to pray to Him daily.

## How to be a Great Lover

George Chen

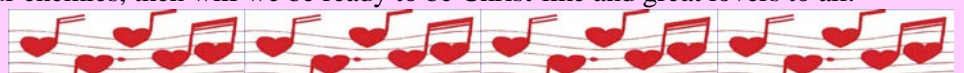
February is recognized by Valentine's Day. What is the secret in being a great lover, is it more than buying flowers and a box of chocolates?

Adam was created followed by Eve, each complimenting one another. Together they became the representation of what God intended for a marriage relationship in the Garden of Eden. Even in a perfect paradise they needed to exercise their faith. Adam and Eve needed to love God above all else and worship Him. Adam and Eve were in the Garden of Eden, a perfect paradise but they still needed to exercise their faith. Adam and Eve needed to love God above all else and worship God with all their heart, soul, mind and strength.

The problem of the fall came when their focus was not on God but on themselves. If they kept their trust and commitment to God, they would not have fallen into sin. Jesus should be FIRST in our lives above our spouse, children, job and hobbies. Saying "You are Lord" and "I love you" to God from the heart keeps one from straying. Spouses should tell each other daily, as well as their children their love for one another.

Simply put first things first. What is the test to see if Jesus is first? The 3 T Test. First, spend **time** with Him. How? Read the Bible, let Him speak to you. Second, **talk** in response, pray. Thirdly, **touch**, commune spiritually. You can do this with one another after spending priority time with God. Take time with your family, friends. Talk with one another is two-way, listen and talk. Touch physically like shaking hands, patting on the back, giving a hug or a kiss, etc.

So how to be a great lover? Practice the 3T's, Time, Talk, Touch, first with God and second with others. Use these simple three word sentences often, "You are Lord, I need help. Let me help. I am sorry. Please forgive me. I love you." But talk is cheap if not followed up with action. False love seeks only to get. True love seeks to give. The true love in the Bible is a sacrificial love. "For God so loved the world He gave..." [John 3:16](#). Blood, sweat and tears of Jesus were shed to demonstrate His love not only to those He loved but to all those who hated Him, all of us sinners. [Romans 5:8](#). When we come to God in repentance and go beyond ourselves in humbleness and service not to get but to give, not just for those we love but also for our enemies, then will we be ready to be Christ-like and great lovers to all.





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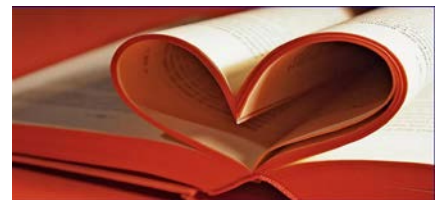
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## 在情人節展示你的愛

梁婉明傳道

你會慶祝情人節嗎？其實情人節的真正意義與玫瑰花、巧克力和心形的小墊布沒有多大關係，真正的愛是比我們意識到的愛更深更廣。事實上，基督徒早就認識到這種比我們這個時代的廉價浪漫主義更有價值、更強大和更嚴峻的愛。

聖經告訴我們甚麼是真正的愛。神不僅有愛 - 神就是愛（約翰一書 4:8）。這愛是促使耶穌基督在十字架上施行救恩（約翰福音 3:16）。聖經中的所有誡命都圍繞著愛上帝和彼此相愛。上帝的愛，按照以賽亞書 49:15 所提到，比一個哺乳的母親更強、更大。

但是我們怎麼能在自己的生活中實踐這種愛呢？它是甚麼樣子呢？無論夜晚會變得多麼黑暗和寒冷，聖經中有甚麼例子可以激勵我們保持着這愛呢？

這裏有五個聖經向我們展示如何與愛的方法：

1. 把受傷的扶起、把微小的放大和幫助弱小的（馬太福音 19:14；馬可福音 5:24-34；約翰福音 4）
2. 耐心對待別人（歌羅西書 3:12-13；彼得前書 3:9）
3. 慷慨（帖撒羅尼迦前書 5:11；加拉太書 6:2）
4. 寬宏大諒（歌羅西書 3:13；馬可福音 11:25；雅各書 5:16）
5. 堅守你的應許（詩篇 89:4）

在這個情人節，我們要向那些在過去一年曾經激勵自己、鼓勵自己和填滿自己內心的人衷心地分享這祝福。誰應該得到這愛？你會如何向他們展示你的愛呢？



## 幫忙孩子學以致用

一月我們認識了神的大能，經文在彼得後書 1:3，“神的神能已將一切關乎生命和虔誠的事賜給我們”提及的聖經人物有約書亞，路得，撒母耳。請和小孩複習以下聖經要點，並致力於每日生活實踐。

- ♥ 神無處不在。
- ♥ 因為神的愛，人要順服，敬畏並榮耀神的名。
- ♥ 人有瑕疵，但因著神的愛成為他合用的器皿。
- ♥ 神為每個家庭都有預備。
- ♥ 神願意他的子民每天以禱告親近他。

## 如何成為一個偉大的愛人

George Chen

2 月份最受認可的節日是情人節。那麼，要成為一個偉大的愛人，當中有甚麼秘密？是否買鮮花和巧克力便足夠？

亞當先被神所創造，然後是夏娃，他們互相補足，一起成為上帝設立婚姻關係的表徵。從他們犯的錯誤中，我們能學習到如何表達對另一個人的愛，無論是在婚姻、家庭、工作、朋友，甚至敵人。最大的誡命：“你要盡心、盡性、盡意愛主你的神。”這是第一條也是最大的誡命。我們還需要向神承認“你是主”，神是居首位的。我們的配偶、孩子、工作都不應是首位，我們的愛好也不應是首位，居首位的應該是主耶穌。

亞當和夏娃在伊甸園這個完美的天堂，但仍需要活出他們的信仰。他們需要愛上帝高於一切和敬拜祂。問題是當他們墮落後，他們的焦點已不再是上帝，而是自己。如果他們堅守對神的承諾，他們就不會陷入罪中。從心裏向神說“我愛你”可以使人的心不偏離神的路。配偶應該每天提醒對方，並且提醒他們的孩子。

簡單地做一個測試，3T 測試，看看主耶穌在你心中是否居首位。首先，花時間與他在一起（Time）。怎樣做？讀聖經，讓祂對你說話。第二，用禱告來回應（Talk）。第三，接觸（Touch），在靈性上的溝通。你可以先與上帝有親密的交通後，再花時間與你的配偶、家人和朋友，彼此這樣做。交談是雙向的，聆聽和說話；觸摸，像握手、拍拍背、給一個擁抱或親吻你的配偶和孩子。

如何成為最好的愛人？先與上帝實踐 3T，即願意花時間讓神跟你說話、向神禱告和觸摸，接着與其他人這樣做。經常用這些簡單的三句話，“你是主，我需要幫助”，“讓我來幫忙”，“對不起，請原諒我”和“我愛你”。但是，如果沒有跟進的行動，只是說一說，這是非常廉價的。虛假的愛只是想從別人身上得到點甚麼，而真正的愛是試圖給予別人。聖經中提到真正的愛是一種犧牲的愛。約翰福音 3:16 說到“神愛世人，甚至將他的獨生子賜給他們……”耶穌流出來的血、汗和淚，不僅給予祂所愛的人，甚至對所有恨祂的人，我們所有罪人都表示出祂的愛。羅馬書 5:8。當我們以悔改、謙卑和有服待別人的心來到上帝面前，不僅是為了我們所愛的人，更為我們的敵人付出，那麼我們便能成為像基督耶穌般偉大的愛人。

