

I Am Nothing

1 Corinthians 13:1-8

The Apostle Paul picked out four spectacular gifts here to prove a point. Without LOVE "I Am Nothing." Think about it... the whole of Christianity is summed up by a love struck man named Jesus!!!

- Lets take a closer look. Paul said "If I can speak with tongues of men and of angels."
- One of the best voices that I've ever heard is Josh Groban. He sings the song "you raise me up." Did you know that he can speak four different languages? They say that when he sings his enunciation is flawless. All of that talent is for nothing if you do not possess love.
- "If you have the gift of prophecy and have unlimited knowledge." But do not express that knowledge in love then you are nothing.
- Faith that can move mountains. In other words, lets say you have a special gift of faith to remove insurmountable obstacles but you do not love then you are nothing.
- 1 Corinthians 13:13 says, "And now these three remain: Faith, hope and love, but the greatest of these is love."
- Ladies, how would you like to be married to a man that is true to you, provided the best of things for you, you had children together. He is very respectful to you, but there is one hang up, he doesn't love you at all. Would that last bit of information be a deal breaker for you? Of course it would!! Because everything that I mentioned before is predicated on LOVE!!

- So where does this kind of LOVE come from? Turn with me to 1 John 4:7-8
“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves is born from God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is Love.”
- So the answer to the question, where did love originate from is.....GOD! In His essential nature and all His actions, God is motivated by love.
- The wonderful thing about an original is you don't have to settle for a version of the original, and O how we have settled for a cheaper version.
- The good news is that God, the originator of Love has made that love available to us through His Son Jesus. Verse 9 of 1 John 4 says, “This is how God showed us His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.”
- So now that we know that without love we can do nothing. And we realize that God is origin of love and can receive His love through Christ, now what do we do with it? Verse 11 “Dear friends sense God so loved us, we should love one another.”
 - In other words we should give it out!!!