

**Battle For The Family: 2 of 4**  
**“Battle For Love”**  
**Cornerstone Church of Poway**  
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**Big Idea:** Our families are not the enemy. We must battle against the devil, our culture and our flesh for the future of our families.

“Do not give the devil a foothold.” **Ephesians 4:27 (NIV) Remember Verse**

“For husbands, this means **love** your wives, just **as Christ loved the church**. He gave up his life for her to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God’s word. He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault.”

**Ephesians 5:25-27 (NLT2)**

“In the same way, husbands ought to **love their wives as they love their own bodies**. For a man who loves his wife actually shows love for himself. No one hates his own body but **feeds and cares for it**, just as Christ cares for the church.” And we are members of his body. As the Scriptures say, “A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.” This is a great mystery, but it is an **illustration** of the way Christ and the church are one. So again I say, each man must **love his wife as he loves himself**, and the wife must respect her husband.” **Ephesians 5:28-33 (NLT2)**

**I will protect my family from the devil gaining a foothold by being:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

“Love is patient.” **1 Corinthians 13:4 (NLT2)**

“Live a life filled with love, following the **example** of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.” **Ephesians 5:2 (NLT2)**

“When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things. Now we see things imperfectly as in a cloudy mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as **God now knows me completely**. Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.” **1 Corinthians 13:11-13 (NLT2)**

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“Love is... kind.” **1 Corinthians 13:4 (NLT2)**

“Husbands, love your wives and never treat them harshly.” **Colossians 3:19 (NLT2)**

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**3.** \_\_\_\_\_

“Love does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.” **1 Corinthians 13:4 (NIV)**

“Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced His perfect love.” **1 John 4:18 (NLT2)**

“For I am **convinced** that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” **Romans 8:38-39 (NIV)**

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**4.** \_\_\_\_\_

“It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.”

**1 Corinthians 13:5-6 (NIV)**

“Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted.” **Galatians 6:1-2 (NIV)**

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**5.** \_\_\_\_\_

“Love... always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.” **1 Corinthians 13:7-8 (NIV)**

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” **Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)**

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➤ How can I be more loving to the people God has placed in my life?

**I will protect my family from the devil gaining a foothold by being:**

[ ] Patient, Kind, Secure, Selfless, Faithful [circle one]

[ ] Today I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior

[ ] Listen to Family Life Today: <https://www.oneplace.com/ministries/familylife-today/>

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[This is only a guide – select the points you want to discuss.]

**Open your group with a prayer.**

**Icebreaker:** What was one of your favorite love songs as a teenager?

**Read Ephesians 5:1-2**

Out of all the attributes of God, why do you think Paul picked love to imitate?

**Read Ephesians 5:25-33**

How does our culture’s view of marriage compare to this passage?

In your own words, how would you explain the main goal of marriage?

What do you learn from this passage?

**Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-8**

When in your life have you felt the most loved?

How did that love affect your life?

In verses 1-3, what activities are useless without love?

How does love, as described in this chapter, compare to love typically defined in our culture?

Looking at the descriptions of perfect love in verses 4-7, in which of these descriptions are you the strongest?

In which one are you the weakest?

In your opinion, what is the best way to develop the ability to love others?

**Read 1 Corinthians 13:11-13**

What childish ways have you placed aside?

How does it make you feel that you are fully known and loved by God?

**Read Romans 8:38-39**

What do you learn about God's love?

**Read 1 John 4:10-11**

How has God demonstrated His love?

How can a person know God and experience His love?

**Read 1 John 4:17-18**

How does God's love drive out fear?

What is the connection of God's love for us and the love we are to have for others?

How can you love sacrificially this week at home?

At work?

**Close in Prayer:** Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.

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**Family Warrior Prayer #2** [Ephesians 5:2, 25-33; 1 Corinthians 13:4-7]

Dear Lord,

You ask us to live a life that is filled with love. You have set the standard of what true love looks like. Jesus, your love has been unconditional and sacrificial to the point of giving your life for us. You now ask us to follow your example. This is where we often fall short and give the devil a foothold in our relationships.

We confess our impatience, jealousy, pride and rudeness. We have often demanded our own way and have become irritable with each other. Forgive us for keeping records of wrongs when we have been forgiven more than we could ever repay. Lord, remind us that the way we love each other is to be an example of your love and forgiveness to those around us.

Jesus, we ask you to rebuke the enemy from our homes and for us to speak the best and believe the best of each other. Help us to love sacrificially, protect each other's dignity, and to build trust in our relationships. Help us to raise the bar of what love really looks like so that we can be your example of grace and mercy. Amen.