



Love Language

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HOSEA 14, 1 JOHN 1:9, ROMANS 10:8-10

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In a relationship, how do you keep love alive?

- Let it breathe
- Keep fueling it

“The Five Love Languages: The secret to love that lasts” by Gary Chapman

1. Words of affirmation
2. Quality time
3. Receiving gifts
4. Acts of service
5. Physical touch

Step out of yourself and speak their language so they know you know them, you feel them, you get them.

In Hosea, we see that God also speaks love language. God is seeking connection, soul connection, in a fresh way with his people.

“Return, O Israel, to the Lord your God. Your sins have been your downfall! Take words with you and return to the Lord. Say to him: ‘Forgive all our sins and receive us graciously, that we may offer the fruit of our lips’”

HOSEA 14:1-2

“Assyria cannot save us; we will not mount warhorses. We will never again say, ‘Our gods’ to what our own hands have made, for in you the fatherless find compassion.”

HOSEA 14:3

God loves for his people to come with words – words affirming truth, affirming God as their God, affirming their love, and affirming they're turning full-hearted and full-bodied back to God.

“Thou, O Christ, art all I want. More than all, in thee I find.” – Jesus, Lover Of My Soul, hymn by Charles Wesley

How long has it been since you released your concerns, your life and your relationships into His nail-scarred hands?

How does God respond?

“I will heal their waywardness, I will love them freely, for my anger has turned away from them. I will be like the dew to Israel; he will blossom like a lily. Like a cedar of Lebanon he will send



down his roots; His young shoots will grow. His splendor will be like an olive tree, his fragrance like a cedar of Lebanon. Men will dwell again in his shade; they will flourish like the grain, he will blossom like the vine and his fame will be like the wine of Lebanon. O Ephraim, what more have I to do with idols? I will answer him and care for him. I am like a green pine tree, your fruitfulness comes from me.”

HOSEA 14:4-8

The greatest blessing of God is being connected to the God of blessing!

“I will heal your wrong ways.

I will love you so freely.

You will dwell beneath my shadow.

I will be as the dew to my people.

And they will blossom like the lily.”

– Comfort Ye My People, by Joel Chernoff

God's promise is that when I come with words of true confession, true repentance, God will do for me what I can't do for myself – heal my wrong ways, love me freely, receive me and not reject me.

“If my people...turn from their wicked ways...I will forgive and heal...”

2 CHRONICLES 7:14

“Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.”

PROVERBS 28:13

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

1 JOHN 1:9

You don't have to earn your way into God's blessing, or make promises you can't keep, but you have to bring words from the heart.

“The word is near you; it is in our mouth and in your heart, that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: if you declare with your mouth, Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

ROMANS 10:8-9

“For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.”



ROMANS 10:10

What you often call loneliness is really homesickness for God.

“The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God.”

PSALMS 92:12-13

“They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming, ‘The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him.’”

PSALM 92:14-15

We wander away from God and our families. We get off track and lose our way. We get tangled up and can't get out of the mess.

Does my family have a future? Always! But not apart from God.

If we will bring Him words, He will bring his blessings.

What do I do now?

1. I want to learn to speak the love languages of all the people I love. Keep growing!
2. I want to let God's dream define me, above all other dreams. Get focused!
3. I want to live the life of God's flourishing in fellowship with His people. Stay connected!

“Just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught and overflowing with thankfulness.”

COLOSSIANS 2:8

What's your love language? Be everything you are meant to be in Christ, and do it with your church so we can celebrate together.

Jesus told us that's how the world will know we are His disciples as we love one another.

