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TRUE LOVE

*Song of Solomon
- & Dylans*

ILL: "I'm in love"

What do you mean?

MISUSED WORD

Use Same Word in English

What kind of love?

"I love this ring, sweater,
dress."

"I made love last night."

ILL: Can find no treatment of love
in your geometry, algebra,
trigonometry or calculus text,
because love cannot be measured.

True Love.....2

ILL: Captain Mark Philips and
Princess Anne

~~---~~ everybody loves a love
story.

ILL: Eric Segal wrote Love Story
"I've never really been in
love myself."

~~---~~ God's love affair with the
human race

~~---~~ No-one can love everyone in
the world

~~---~~ We usually love only our close
friends

~~---~~ God finds it possible to love
everyone at the same time the
world over.

True Love.....3

- ~~-~~ He sees nothing in us to love
- ~~-~~ Righteousness--filthy rags

God's love has no motive

- ~~-~~ He does not love for what He gets from us
- ~~-~~ Greatest illustration of "that love" is the Cross.

ILL: Olympic swimmer - swimming pool and cross.

John 3:16 "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son."

- ~~-~~ Love is not "feeling"
- ~~-~~ Love is "doing" - Love is a verb
.....God did something

True Love.....4

Romans 5:8 "God commendeth His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

~~-~~ John looking at the cross said, "Behold what manner of love the father hath bestowed upon us." (1 John 3:1)

The Cross

~~-~~ Romans used this instrument of execution on a colossal scale.

ILL: Under Constantine, the cross first became the acknowledged symbol of Christianity.

True Love.....5

ILL: Queen in Canada recently
- woman fell in lake on
site of Explo '67.
- policeman sprang in,
saved her life, but lost
his own.

9th. Father gave kidney for daughter - in Florida

"Greater love hath no
man than this, that a
man lay down his life
for his friends."

Let Take Separate Words Breaks Used!

I. STORGE

- affection

ILL: Mother nursing a baby

ILL: Anne and her cat

True Love.....6

While STORGE carries over into all relationships, I want to limit it tonight to the family.

What is your relationship to your
parents?

~~--~~ What is their relationship to
you?

ILL: Million young people run away from home every year. Yale University researchers say, "Too little love at home."

ILL: Child alcoholism shooting up. Most of them say, "There's no
love around our house."

True Love....7

ILL: Psychologists say children as young as seven are now criminals because they don't get love at home.

ILL: Could I see the boss of the house?

- There he is, over there in the cradle.

- You are to obey "in the Lord."
- You are always to honor.
- Always to take care of them in old age.
- This is how God's love affects "Storge".

True Love.....8

How about your own future marriage?

ILL: Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor

~~--~~ contemplating divorce

~~--~~ Taylor said, "We loved each other too much."

~~--~~ What a strange love

~~--~~ God performed the first marriage

~~--~~ Generation of not having marriages

~~--~~ Attack on the home

ILL: Man committed suicide leaving note to wife - "You won"

~~--~~ Marriage is not a ninety-day option, it is a contract for life.

ILL: You will be proposed to
three times this year.

ILL: Who, who?

-- Marriage is a lifelong commitment,
that's why it is important not
to be impulsive.

II. EROS

-- Word Eros refers to sexual love.
From it we get our word "erotic".

God's love affects eros.

True Love.....10

ILL: Our generation like Solomon

"Feed me with apples, for I
am sick of love."

~~—~~ change in moral standards

~~—~~ Do you really want a standard?

What does the Bible say?

~~—~~ Do you have courage enough to
listen to the Bible?

~~—~~ Sex is not sin

~~—~~ Many ancient and modern writers
hold that the body is evil.

True Love.....11

ILL: George Bernard Shaw wrote,

"In the life of the world
to come you escape this
tyranny of the flesh."

~~--~~ Plato taught that the body was
evil.

~~--~~ The Bible teaches that the body
is "the temple of the Holy
Spirit."

~~--~~ A distinction in the New Testament
between "the flesh" and "the body."

~~--~~ Wrong view of the body has been
partly responsible for the
suppression of sex in the last
generation.

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-- Scripture says Adam "knew"
his wife and they became one
flesh:

- ①. For the propagation
of the race.
- ②. Climax of married
love.
- ③. To express unity.

ILL: A type of Christ and the
Church.

-- the moment man sinned in the
garden it affected his sexual
life, lust entered. God's
great gift had been perverted.

-- Difference between love and
lust.

Why God says, "Thou shalt not commit immorality."

1. To protect the marriage.

2. To protect your body

- VD epidemic in America

- Illegitimacy doubled in
the last two or three years.

3. To protect you psychologically

- guilt feeling

ILL: Radcliffe student,

"I always feel guilty."

- emotional disturbances,
insecurity, a feeling of
being unloved.

4. To protect society

- the moral problem can
threaten the security of
the nation.

How can a young person have
victory over Eros?

The Bible says, "flee fornication."

-- The mark of the Christian is
self-control and self-discipline

-- No way to overcome this
tremendous temptation except
in Christ.

Paul wrote to Timothy and said,
"Keep thyself pure" (1 Tim.5:22)

III. PHILIA

-- Refers to strong affection

True Love.....15

~~From~~ From it we get our words:

- Philanthropy (meaning a love for men)
- Philharmonic (a love for music)
- Philadelphia (city of brotherly love)

ILL: This was the word which Peter used when Christ asked him if he loved with the highest of loves. Peter, conscious of his recent denial, replied, "Yea, Lord, Thou knowest that I love thee." (John 21:15-17). It is the highest love of which man, by himself, is capable.

True Love.....16

~~-- Friendship arises out of
companionship.~~

ILL: Psychiatrist David Klein said
sharp rise in violence and
crime the world over can be
traced directly to loneliness
~~--~~ a cosmic loneliness which
can be traced to no real
and unshakeable friendships.

ILL: Jesus said, "I have called
you friend."

ILL: I have many friends - but
really only a few genuine
friends.

True Love.....17

ILL: God called Abraham "a friend
of God."

~~--~~ In Christ friendship can deepen.

IV. AGAPE LOVE

~~--~~ This is God's love

Four features of Agape love:

1. It is spontaneous
 - ~~--~~ goes out to its object
and captures it
 - ~~--~~ not prompted by anything
in man

True Love.....18

ILL: Not like the love of man
for woman. A man expects
a response, and loves to
be loved.

~~—~~ God's love goes out
to the enemy.

2. It is indifferent to value
~~—~~ not because of man's sin,
but in spite of his sin.
~~—~~ it is only when you realize
that there is no worthiness
in you at all, can you
understand what agape is.

3. It is creative
~~—~~ it imparts value through
love

True Love.....19

-- what gives you value is
the fact that God loves
you

-- "We have this treasure
in earthen vessels."

4. It is the initiator of
fellowship with God

-- You have no way to come
to God

-- But God comes to man in
agape, to establish
fellowship

-- "Behold a gluttonous man,
and a winebibber, a friend
of publicans and sinner."
(Luke 7:34)

MAN'S ABILITY TO LOVE HIS NEIGHBOR

-- We hear commandment "love thy neighbor as thyself"

We are unable to respond

-- Hebrews made literal interpretation of neighbor, limiting it to the literal person next door

-- Jesus gave the parable of the Good Samaritan

-- The neighbor was not the fellow next door but anyone needing help. "A new commandment give I unto you that you love one another." (John 13:34)

Mexico - Pakistan - W. Africa

True Love....21

- ~~--~~ He was calling for something the natural man cannot do
- ~~--~~ The Christian becomes a channel through which 'agape' of God can flow
- ~~--~~ You thus begin to love with God's love

ILL: In South Pacific:

"A bell is not a bell until you ring it, a song is not a song until you sing it, love is not love until you give it away."

~~- Agape love will drive us to the
ends of the world. It is the
only love in the world that
will transform society.
Everything else is doomed to
failure.)~~

Drive us To Everglaze -

*1ll. I Would Crawl across
England on glass*

Do You Love The Lost

1ll. It Was his Business