

# ♥ LOVE is in the Air ♥

**" We are shaped and fashioned by what we love."**

Johann von Goethe (1749-1832)

The Season of Romance flutters on the calendar in anticipation of words to be spoken, gifts to entice, and embraces to surround.

Valentines Day can be a stress for a proper performance or a **wondrous celebration of a that prominent, indefinable, indispensable attribute that draws all of us.** How do we wrap our arms around the description of what love really is? How does love change us? Why is love so important to each of us?

The quotation at the top of the page illuminates the truth that God put into motion in our world. We love our children .... we love a beautiful sunrise .... we love chocolate .... we love our favorite music. Where is our love for God? Where is God's love for us?

We teach couples as they prepare for marriage. We talk to couples who are already married. **Love always surfaces.** Sometimes when we ask a couple why they are getting married, they say "because we love each other." But what will happen to their love when they get in an argument about their finances or how they are spending their time or with which parents they are going to spend Christmas?

When we talk to couples who are having trouble, one often says "I am not in love anymore." Or they will say "My wife/husband doesn't know how to love me." What do they mean by that kind of love? What happened to that feeling that engulfed them earlier?

## HOW we love is about WHOM we love.

When I say that I am unhappy with the way my husband loves me or doesn't show his love to me, it tells volumes about whom I really love. When I am upset about the lack of attention or approval that a friend or co-worker gives me, it tells volumes about whom I love.

I love me.

*Whoever does not love does not know God, because **God is love.**  
**This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us.** I John 4:8,10*

***How great is the love the Father has lavished on us,  
that we should be called children of God!  
And that is what we are!** I John 3:1*

*Though our feelings come and go, **God's love for us does not.**  
**Love is not affectionate feeling, but a steady wish for the  
loved person's ultimate good as far as it can be obtained.**  
C.S. Lewis*

What do I say to a person who still puts parameters on how they want to be loved or how they are willing to love?

**Mine out the treasure of God's love—  
learn about the vastness, the unconditionalness,  
the limitlessness, and the tenderness of God's love.**

**Let His love flow into your life**

**as a fountain  
of Living water.**

