

A script from



“What Is Love?”

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What As a mom prepares her kid's Valentine's Day cards, she reflects on the word "love" and how we focus more on the gesture of love and less on the intent.
Themes: Valentine's Day, Love, Actions

Who Woman

When Present

Wear (Props) Kitchen Table
Chair
Box of Valentine's Day cards

Why 1 Corinthians 13; 1 John 4:7-8

How Keep the pacing up so the dialogue doesn't drag. Use the Valentine's Day cards to keep your hands busy, but don't forget to really talk to the audience, as if there were one person sitting across the table from you.

Time Approximately 4 minutes

A **woman** sits at a table surrounded by Valentine's Day cards and envelopes.

Woman: My 8-year-old needed Valentines for her class tomorrow. And she told me this tonight. So here I am, surrounded by cartoon characters who now act as agents of this idea of love.

Which got me thinking. Maybe it's all the envelope-licking, but I started wondering, what is love anyway?

Is it a box of chocolates?

An overstuffed teddy bear?

A back massage?

A coupon for a back massage at my favorite spa?

Is it some alone time?

Some peace and quiet?

Cleaning a dirty kitchen?

Is it all of these things? Is it any of these things?

We talk about love so much, don't we? All the things we, like, oh my gosh, love.

(Points out into the crowd) Like that top, it's so cute, I love it. Or those earrings. I'm seriously in love. Please find me after and tell me where you got them, ok?

I know what you're thinking. "Do you really LOVE those things?" And my answer to that is yes. Yes I do, because can you even imagine me with killer earrings like that?

But we both know there's a different love out there that even though it shares the same name, it's so much bigger and better and profound.

So what is that?

To me, love isn't something found across a crowded room or in a horse drawn carriage under the stars in downtown Paris.

To me, love is both more mysterious and mundane. I can't possibly describe it accurately but it's so vividly and profoundly clear when I see it.

PURCHASE

We've all been conditioned to see it in roses or fancy dinners or gifts, but to me, love isn't the thing you give someone. It's the reasoning behind wanting to give or do or say.

The things we give or the actions we take or the words we say, those things are just the vehicles for love.

SCRIPT

The notion behind them...that is the love.

And that's what I want more of. For myself, sure. But from me to others. I want to love others better. Not get caught up in the gifts I give. The actions I take. Or the specific words I say. I want to focus on that notion behind them.

TO

We talk a lot about Jesus and love don't we? God loved us so much that he sent his son. Jesus loved us so much that he died and came back. That's some pretty strong love, right?

REMOVE

I think sometimes though, we get too focused on how we manifest that love and less on cultivating the right mindset to create those words and actions. In other words, the gesture becomes more important than the intent.

This Valentine's Day, and beyond, I want to focus less on the gestures and more on intent. Because when I'm focused on loving those around me, the gifts, the actions, and the words will work themselves out.

WATERMARK

And also, I want to focus on those earrings you have on (*pointing out to the audience*) because they seriously are amazing.

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