

Journey Church Hawaii
The 8 Acts of Devotion: Fellowship
1 Corinthians 13
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Intro: A Heart of Devotion [Acts 2:42]

(G4342) proskartereo: to believe in and follow the practices of; consistent; steadfast; continue all the time; persevere; constantly ready to execute

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I. Fellowship [Acts 2:42-47]

- A. *koinonia* [G2842]: an interactive relationship between God and believers
*[1 John 1:5-9] who are sharing with each other new life through Christ [Acts 2:42]; active participation in Christian community: sharing in spiritual blessings and giving material blessings *[Romans 15:26-27]; a deeper level of “heart” interaction than an informal social gathering. The essential element of koinonia is participation—Christ is what connects us
- B. Three Avenues of Social Fellowship: 3/12/120
 - 1. **Church: the 120** [Acts 1:15; Hebrews 10:24-25]

[Hebrews 10:24-25]: “24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

2. **MiniChurch: the 12** [Mark 3:13-19; 1 Corinthians 14:26]

[1 Corinthians 14:26]: “26 What then shall we say, brothers and sisters? When you come together, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Everything must be done so that the church may be built up.”

- 3. **Unconditional: the 3** [Mark 5:37]
 - a. Jesus offers this level of intimacy to us [John 15:14-15,9-17] and encourage us to share it between ourselves [John 15:17]
 - b. Powered by God, Experienced together [Ephesians 3:14-21]
 - Understand with my mind
 - Know in my heart by personal experience
 - Experience the FULLNESS OF GOD

II. Unconditional [1 Corinthians 13]

- A. "Unconditional Love: love without conditions" [conditions: a state of affairs that must exist or be brought about before something else is possible or permitted]
- B. Romans 5:8
- C. [13: 1-3] Love as the foundation of all that we do

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

D. [13:4-8a] Unconditional Love

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8 Love never fails.

E. [13:8b-13] Perspective

But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. 11 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. 12 For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.