

# OUTlasters

## “Building a Love that Lasts”

**I John 3:18 (NIV)** “Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.”

### Your family longs for you to love them . . .

#### 1st – With your values.

**I Corinthians 13:1-3 (NIV)** “If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love (agape), I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>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 have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.”

**I Corinthians 13:13 (NIV)** “And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.”

#### 2nd – With your words.

***Look how often God expresses his love to us:***

Jeremiah 31:3<sub>b</sub> (NIV) “I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness.”

Isaiah 54:10<sub>a</sub> (NIV) “‘Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed,’ says the LORD . . .”

***If you are going to love your family the way God loves us  
you are going to have to tell people you love them.***

**Proverbs 18:21 (NIV)** “The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.”

**Proverbs 25:11 (NIV)** “A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver.”

#### 3rd – With your actions.

**Romans 5:8 (NIV)** “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

**I Corinthians 13:4<sub>a</sub> (NIV)** “Love is patient, love is kind.”

**I Corinthians 13:4<sub>b</sub>-5<sub>a</sub> (NIV)** “It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup>It is not rude, it is not self-seeking . . .”

**I Corinthians 13:5<sub>b</sub> (NIV)** “it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.”

***Love doesn't mean we tolerate everything!***

**I Corinthians 13:6 (NIV)** “Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.”

#### 4th - With your commitment.

**I Corinthians 13:7 (NIV)** “It always protects (stego), always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.”

#### 5th – With your relationship to God.

**Ephesians 3:17<sub>b</sub>-19 (NIV)** “And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup>may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup>and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”