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Faith's Mission:

Know Christ, Grow Together, Serve Others, and Go to our Neighbors and the Nations with the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Main Idea: Love is greater than spiritual gifts and is the foundation of serving one another.

What is love?

Selfless and enduring commitment of the will to care about and benefit another person through holy and compassionate thoughts, words, and actions

I can serve without love but I cannot love without serving

Why is love the better way?

Three reasons serving out of love is the better way:

- 1. Serving out of love avoids emptiness vv. 1-3
 - Spiritual gifts without love lack beauty
 - · Spiritual gifts without love lack benefit
- 2. Serving out of love assures <u>effectiveness</u> vv. 4-7

I can be self-focused and still serve. I cannot be self-focused and still love

- 3. Serving out of love anticipates the eternal vv. 8-13
 - · Love is <u>eternal</u>, spiritual gifts are <u>temporary</u>
 - · Love is <u>perfect</u>, spiritual gifts are <u>partial</u>
 - Love is the greatest of virtues

Faith will be sight

Hope will be fulfilled

Love will be forever

Serve Form

