

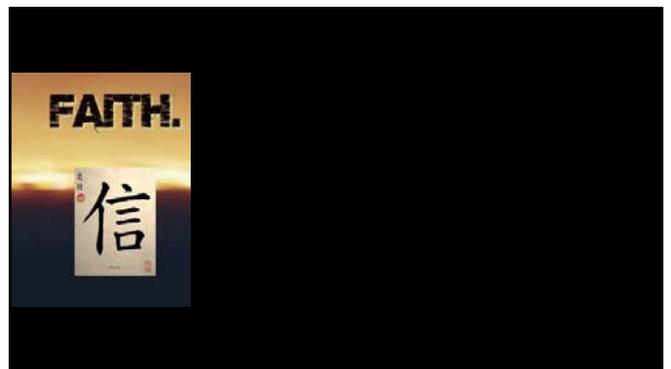
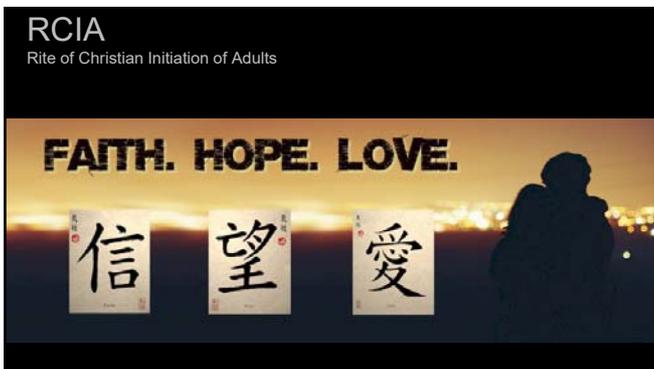
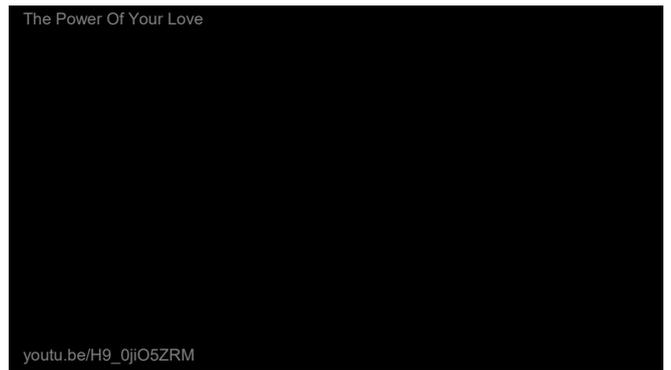
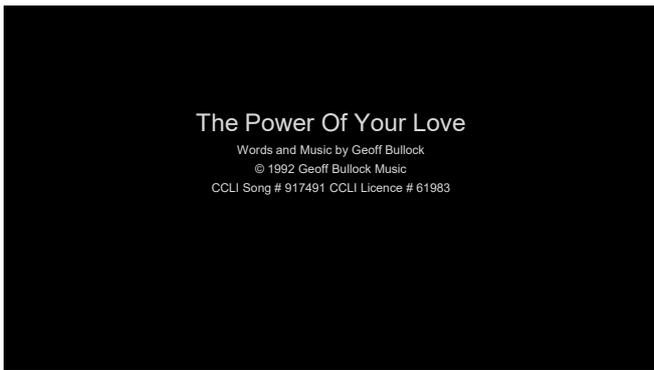
Objectives

To Learn:

- Faith is "the conviction of things not seen".
- Hope keeps us going.
- Love is an enduring act of will.

To Experience:

- An encounter of God through my faith, my hope and my love.



## Faith

- What is Faith?
- “Seeing Is Believing”
- Or is it?



Did the people had faith in the man?  
Is it *faith* if you need to see before you believe?

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, **the conviction of things not seen.**” (Hebrew 11:1)



## Hope

- Without hope, we are unable to live
  - Parents hope that their children will grow up well
  - Students hope to pass their exams
  - Patients hope they will get better
- Human hope can disappoint
- Christian hope will never fail. God is ever faithful to His promises

## Christian Hope

- “We boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.” (Romans 5:2)
- Romans 8:18-25 (Heavenly Hope)

### Roman 8:18-25 (Heavenly Hope)

18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; 20 for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be **set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.** 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; 23 and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.



## Love

- What is Love?
- "Love is a feeling"
- Or is it?
- Feeling is an infatuation when we experience something new.
- Love is a mystery that cannot be scientifically explained
- Love is an enduring act of will.
- Love is a *decision*.



## God is Love

- We are made in the image of God
- We are made to Love

## Types of Love



Storge – Family Love



Eros – Sexual Love

## Types of Love



Philia – Friendship Love



Agape – Unconditional Love

## To sum up : 3 theological virtues

- Faith, Hope and Love
- The greatest of these is Love
- 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

1 Corinthians 13:1-8.13 (Love is the greatest virtues of all)

1 If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. 4 Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. 7 It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. 13 And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and **the greatest of these is love.**

## The greatest form of Love is *Agape*

- All human relationship (marriage, family, friendship) will eventually comes to an end:  
*Storge, Eros, Philia*
- *Agape* is everlasting, ever-growing

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### *Love Came Down*

*If my heart is overwhelmed  
And I cannot hear your voice  
I hold on to what is true  
Though I cannot see*

*If the storms of life, they come  
And the road ahead gets steep  
I will lift these hands in faith  
I will believe*

*I'll remind myself  
Of all that you've done  
And the life I have  
Because of your son*

*Love came down and rescued me  
 Love came down and set me free  
 I am yours  
 Lord, I am forever yours*

*Mountains high or valley low  
 I sing out and remind my soul  
 I am yours  
 I am forever yours*

*When my heart is filled with hope  
 Every promise comes my way  
 When I feel your hands of grace  
 Rest upon me*

*Staying desperate for you, God  
 Staying humble at your feet  
 I will lift these hands in praise  
 I will believe*

*I'll remind myself  
 Of all that you've done  
 And the life I have  
 Because of your son*

*Love came down and rescued me  
 Love came down and set me free  
 I am yours  
 Lord, I am forever yours*

*Mountains high or valley low  
 I sing out and remind my soul  
 I am yours  
 I am forever yours*

*I am yours  
 I am yours  
 All my days  
 Jesus, I am yours*

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## Discussion

- How do Faith, Hope and Love help us encounter God?  
Share your experience.



## Every Move I Make

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*Waves of mercy  
Waves of grace  
Everywhere I look  
I see your face  
Your love has captured me  
Oh, my God this love  
How can it be?*

Every Move I Make



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