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Dear Grace Church Family and Friends,

What does it mean, “to love?”

We often use the word, speaking of how we love other people, activities, food, nature... you name it.

Love plays a prominent role in the arts (books, songs, movies), and psychologists have concluded that the need to feel loved is a primary emotional need for all us.

The word, love, also appears throughout the Bible. When asked which of the commandments was the greatest, Jesus replied, “‘you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

But, what does it mean to love God? To love your neighbor?

Anthropologist, marriage counselor and best-selling author, Gary Chapman, believes there are five languages of love, five ways we communicate or demonstrate love, and they are:

1. Words of Affirmation (encouraging words, kind words)
2. Quality Time (focused attention and conversation)
3. Giving (giving gifts, giving of yourself)
4. Acts of Service (doing something for another)
5. Physical Touch

So, how will you love God this week? How will you love your neighbor? And, how about your spouse, your partner, your children?

See you in church,  
*Andrew*