

Faith comment July 2024 – Love Changes Everything

1 Corinthians 13 1: 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. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind.

Every time I try and think of something to write this month, I keep coming back to Love. I wanted to write about something else, something different to what I seem to bang on about all the time. But stopping and listening to God, the theme keeps coming back to the same word LOVE. With this word on my heart, I know it's the one thing God wants us to show and share. Constantly in the news daily we read about hate crime, because of colour, postcodes, or religion. Just because of the way we dress or the language we speak, or the colour of our skin people are being persecuted, abused physically or verbally and this is not right. When did society and our community become numb and non-reactive to this hate. The value people put or don't put on someone else's life astounds and saddens me, my heart breaks. We are all the same, we are made in God's likeness it doesn't matter where in the world we come from or the language we speak or our beliefs. We are all God's children, we are brothers and sisters, one species, all the same. We should all want to share the love for one another, support, guide, care for each other. To build each other up and for our children to see Love does make a difference. Your Love can touch everyone or change a stranger's heart by your words and actions we show, so give deeply of yourself and of your time. Your life is the 1st gift, Love is the 2nd and understanding the 3rd. It makes the world of difference, and can bring about change. It can bring hope and peace and make this world a beautiful one. The one God intended it to be. So, Love with all your heart and be kind to all you meet.

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