

## **LOVE MATTERS MOST**

October 19 & 20, 2024

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<b>Ephesians 5:2</b> (NLT) Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.
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Who do you need to show love to today?

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## 2

Love integrates my life.

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Love is more important than anything else. It is what ties everything completely together.

#### 1 Corinthians 16:14 (NLT)

And do everything with love.

# 3

Love compensates for my sin.

## 1 Peter 4:8 (NLT)

Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins.

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...but love makes up for all offenses.

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