**Love is a Choice…not a Feeling!**

Emotions (Gr. *eros*) are involved in loving someone, but emotions are fluid and moving. That’s not the love about which God is talking. The love He talks about (Gr. *agape)* is a choice, which is steadfast and remains, no matter what the feelings are doing. When we say we love someone, or are in a situation where we need to “love our neighbor”, are we loving them as God defines love?

In 1 Corinthians 13, we read that **LOVE IS:**

**PATIENT** – persistent in well doing/abiding under undeserved affliction (not just being quiet while waiting in a bank line somewhere!)

**KIND** – serviceable/pleasant/having goodness of heart

**NOT ARROGANT** – not exaggerating one’s own worth or importance in an overbearing manner

**DOES NOT ACT UNBECOMINGLY** – unsuitable/improper

**DOES NOT SEEK ITS OWN** – unselfish

**NOT PROVOKED –** not made bitter, sharp or angry/not excited or stirred up

**DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT A WRONG SUFFERED** – ‘nuf said!

**DOES NOT REJOICE IN UNRIGHTEOUSNESS** – are we still with the program!

**DOES REJOICE WITH THE TRUTH** – the great movie line, “You can’t handle the truth” comes to mind! Take a deep breath now…there is more.

**BEARS ALL THINGS** – puts up with/suffers with/carries, leading a higher place

**BELIEVES ALL THINGS –** yields/agrees/trusts/obeys

**HOPES ALL THINGS** – has a happy expectation of good

**ENDURES ALL THINGS** – lives courageously under suffering for a long time

**LOVE NEVER FAILS** – does not stop having a force/is not reduced to inactivity

Love is **ACTIVE**—it is a **DOING**, based on the **CHOICE** made and not the feeling felt.