## SERMON NOTES



# The Power of Love

**God's Love Conquers All** Pastor Carl Toti September 17-18, 2016

## 1 Corinthians 13:7-8a (AMPC)

<sup>7</sup> Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening]. <sup>8</sup> Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end].

## **Definition of Love-**

Love seeks the highest good of others through sacrifice, caring and commitment.

More and more couples are living together without the benefit of marriage. A staggering 65% of American's believe in cohabiting.

Studies reveal the negative consequences on the relationship itself. Please view Dr. Scott M. Stanley's blog: http://slidingvsdeciding.blogspot.com

## LOVES THREE POWER LESSONS

## **1. NOT AUTOMATIC**

### John 13:34-35 (NKJV)

<sup>34</sup> A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

## 2. NOT CONVENIENT

### Matthew 5:44 (NKJV)

<sup>44</sup> But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,

### 3. NOT ALWAYS APPRECIATED Hebrews 6:10 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.