

Do we truly know how to Love one another, because this is one of the virtues which Christ has given us to live out in our lives? Because we hear in the first reading that Faith, Hope and Love remain in us, but the greatest is love. So, I remember watching a movie called “A walk to remember”. How many of you have heard of this movie before? Well this movie is about a man name Landon Carter, who was a trouble maker in school he tried to put a prank on a young man from his school and the prank went horribly wrong.

So the Judge decides to put him in a clinic. Where he is ordered to do community activities which involved him participating in a community play. But I want to give you a little back ground of this character, he never practiced his Faith and didn't have the hope he needed to get through the challenges he faced in his life. He grew up in a divorce family where his parents were separated and lost all respect of his parents.

But when Landon started the community play he met Jamie Sullivan who was the reverend's daughter who had great ambitions and had nothing in common with Landon. Finally Landon decides to take his activities seriously, he asks Jamie for help and begins to spend most of his time with her. But he starts to have feelings for her but Jamie does not want anything to do with him because he lacked those virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love. But what Jamie did not know was she was bringing Landon back to those virtues in his life. Learning how to have faith in his life and hope that he could turn into the man that Jamie saw in him and how to love. They finally start to date and fall in love, but Jamie's father tells her she must end it, because of her sickness she had. She tells Landon she has to end the relationship because she has Leukemia and there is no future with her.

However, Landon now losing faith, hope and love decides to turn back to Jamie and prove to her it Does not matter because she brought him to a point in his life where he was bringing faith, hope and love back. But now Landon who is bringing that love in Jamie's life and making sure her life is everything she wants. Through that time pf [roving himself he finally asks Jamie to marry him, but as time goes on after the marriage Jamie's life comes to an end. And we see Jamie brought Landon to another level of his life teaching him the virtues that she lived by now lives in him. Because love is the greatest virtue its patient, kind, not jealous, pompous, not inflated, not rude, does not seek his own interest, not quick tempered, does not brood over injury does not rejoice over wrong doing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things.

This virtue of love becomes not merely a *feeling we have*, but a settled disposition to do good for others: a disposition to be self-sacrificing, compassionate, and just, where we participate in God's Grace. Because without love we are nothing. Moreover, love is the foundation upon which the rest of the virtues are built. It is “superior to all the virtues... [and] the practice of all the virtues is animated and inspired by charity, which ‘binds everything together in perfect harmony’... it is the source and the goal of [our] Christian practice...” And that is why we can take the time and ask ourselves questions about situations we may find ourselves in. How am I to love this person here and now? How do I love the person I encounter on the street? How am I loving my parents throughout my life? But when you ask yourself those questions add this part are

my actions motivated by love of God and love of others? And if I took the time to ask myself that question in my life I can bet I could see a basic growth of the virtue of love.

Because Love itself is the fulfillment of all our works. There is the goal; that is why we run; we run toward it and once we reach it, in it we shall find rest. I want to end with a quote by saint Clare of Assisi "We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become. If we love things, we become a thing. If we love nothing, we become nothing. Imitation is not a literal mimicking of Christ, rather it means becoming the image of the beloved, an image disclosed through transformation. This means we are to become vessels of God's compassionate love for others."