

# Love Scriptures *The Power of Love*

## EPHESIANS 3

16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

## EPHESIANS 4

1 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. 2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. 3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

## EPHESIANS 5

1 Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children 2 and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

## PHILIPPIANS 2

5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; 7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

## PHILIPPIANS 4

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of

God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

## COLOSSIANS 3

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. 23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, 24 since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. 25 Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for their wrongs, and there is no favoritism.

## HEBREWS 6

10 God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. 11 We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, so that what you hope for may be fully realized. 12 We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.



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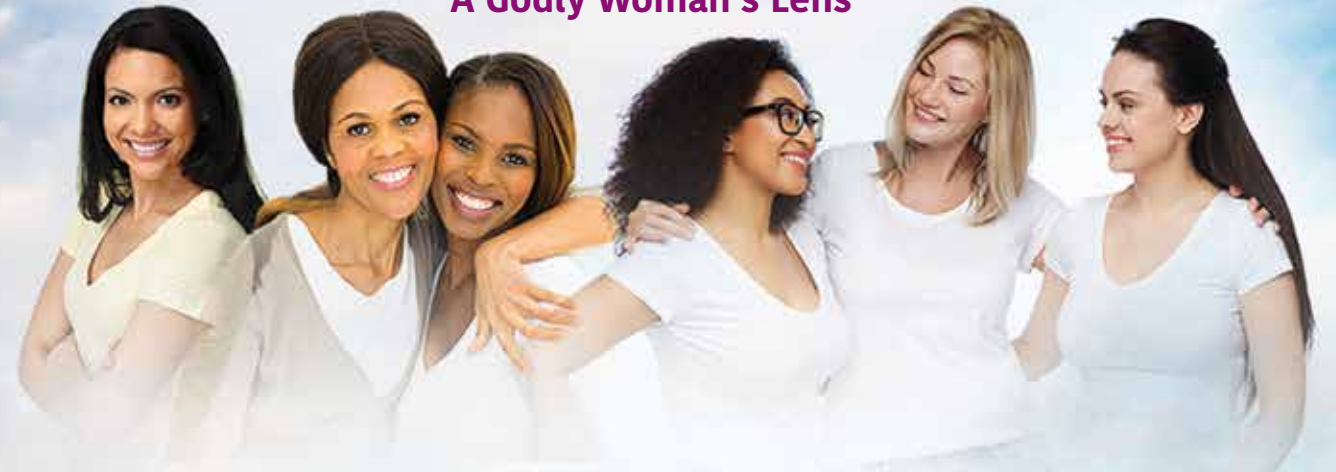
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**The Gathering:**  
**A Time of Discussion & Reflection Through**  
**A Godly Woman's Lens**



## 2016 Women's Conference

**Chicago, Illinois | Saturday, October 15 | 8:30AM—3:00PM**

**Fellowship Community Church of Chicago**  
**Cornerstone Building**  
**1111 N. Wells Street, Chicago, IL 60610**





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## Session Descriptions

### The Two Great Love Commandments

Putting the principles of loving God and loving your neighbor into action must be done with intentionality. But how do you do it when life keeps happening?

### How Can I Love You When I Don't Love Myself?

Hurting people hurt other people. Access the tools to build yourself up and become all that you were created to be.

### A Mother's Love: When Obedience is Better Than Sacrifice

The world's greatest influencers are mothers. Whether you've birthed children or serve in a spiritual capacity, know the standard to which you're being held.

### Loving You Enough to Submit

Relationships can be difficult because human beings are difficult. You are fiercely independent, have your own opinions, and want it your way. Wow! How do you manage your emotions in order to spiritually mature?

### Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself: Developing Godly Character

You can't pick and choose which aspects of the Bible you want to embrace. However, spiritual growth is a journey. And, God uses positive and negative encounters to stretch you. Sometimes you just have to say "Ouch!"

### Loving Enough to Forgive

Being the victim in your own life story can be sexy. But is it healthy? Break through the story, focus on the facts and do one of the hardest things in the world—forgive!

## This is not your typical Women's Conference.

Each participant must come with a heart to hear from the **Holy Spirit**, a willingness to be vulnerable and a desire to put the **Word** into action.

Presenters will reveal **Biblical** truths that will transform your life.

Each participant will walk away with a journal full of reflections and "Spiritual Aha's" from the day.

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# Agenda

TIME	PRESENTATION/ACTIVITY	SCRIPTURE FOCUS	FACILITATORS
8:30—9:00 am	Breakfast & Fellowship		
9:00—9:15 am	Welcome & Introductions		Pastor Angela Williams
9:15—9:45 am	Clarion Call to the Lord & Worship	John 13:34 Mark 12:30 Matthew 5:43 John 12:25	Mariela Barrera June Berry Pauline Rogers Khadija Warfield
9:45—10:30 am	The 2 Great Love Commandments	Matthew 22:37-38 Mark 12:30-31	Pastor Roderick Williams
10:30—10:45 am	Break		
10:45—11:30 am	How Can I Love You, when I Don't Love Myself?	Ephesians 3:16-19	Dr. Peonita Harris
11:30 am—12:00 pm	A Mother's Love: When Obedience is Better Than Sacrifice	Ephesians 4 John 12	Kadesha Thomas Smith Charmaine Thomas
12:00—12:30 pm	Lunch, Fellowship & Reflection		
12:30—1:15 pm	Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself: Developing Godly Character	1 Corinthians 13:1-8a	Elder Dee Dee Osobor
1:15—1:45 pm	Loving You Enough to Submit	Philippians 2:5-8	Pauline Rogers
2:00—2:30 pm	Loving Enough to Forgive	Matthew 5:48 John 3:16	Reverend Tony Thieme
2:30—3:00 pm	Reflection & Call to Action		Pastor Angela Williams





# Facilitators *The Power of Love*

1 JOHN 2

10 Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble.

1 JOHN 4

7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.



**Mariela Barrera**



**Evangelist Dee Dee Osobor**



**June Berry**



**Elder Monica Parchia Price**



**Dr. Peonita Harris**



**Pauline Rogers**



**Kadesha Thomas Smith**



**Khadija Warfield**



**Reverend Tony Thieme**



**Pastor Angela Williams**



**Charmaine Thomas**



**Pastor Roderick Williams**

**This is an exciting opportunity to hear from spiritual leaders of all backgrounds, share the Word, share their stories and share “The Power of Love!”**



# Love Scriptures

## MATTHEW 5

43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. 46 If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? 47 And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? 48 Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

## MATTHEW 22

37 Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

## MARK 12

30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ 31 The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

## JOHN 3

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

## JOHN 12

25 Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

## JOHN 13

34 “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

### SCRIPTURE THEME

Ephesians 2:4-10 4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

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## JOHN 14

15 “If you love me, keep my commands. 21 Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.” 22 Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, “But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?” 23 Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. 24 Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.”

## JOHN 15

13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command. 15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. 17 This is my command: Love each other.

## JOHN 17

25 “Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. 26 I have made you[e] known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”

## ROMANS 8

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36 As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life,

neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## 1 CORINTHIANS 2

9 However, as it is written: “What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived”—the things God has prepared for those who love him—

## 1 CORINTHIANS 8

3 But whoever loves God is known by God.

## 1 CORINTHIANS 13

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 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 do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. 4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8a Love never fails. 13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

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### SPEAKER PRESENTATION FORMAT

10-minute scripture focus; 10-minute personal story to illustrate scripture; 20-minute personal reflection and small-group sharing; 5-minute wrap-up.

