

# Giving It + UP

*A Lenten Sermon Series at Verona UMC -  
What are you giving up for Lent?*

FEBRUARY 26

**CONTROL**

MARCH 18

**ENEMIES**

MARCH 4

**EXPECTATIONS**

MARCH 25

**OUR LIVES**

MARCH 11

**SUPERIORITY**

APRIL 1

**POPULARITY**

APRIL 8

**DEATH**





The image features a central shield with a red, textured background. Inside the shield, the words "Love without fear" are written in a white, stylized font. Below the shield is a yellow banner with a white border, containing the text "1 John 4:18". The entire design is set against a dark, textured background with black ink splatters and decorative black floral and vine motifs. The shield is framed by a white border.

Love  
without  
fear

1 John 4:18

**FEBRUARY 5**



**CONQUER** THROUGH

**LOVE**

**ROMANS 8:37**





HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE

ROMANS 5:8



But God demonstrates  
His own love toward us,  
in that while we  
were still sinners,  
Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8





TRUE LOVE IN  
ALL ITS PUREST  
EXPRESSIONS  
COMES ONLY  
FROM GOD





**A MOTHER'S LOVE**  
**A FATHER'S LOVE**  
**PLATONIC LOVE**  
**FAMILIAL LOVE**  
**INTERPERSONAL LOVE**  
**ROMANTIC LOVE**





THREE GREAT  
EXPRESSIONS  
OF GOD'S  
LOVE





**LIFE  
FREE WILL  
FORGIVENESS**





# LIFE

- Creation
- Senses,  
Intelligence,  
Emotions
- Provision





# FREE WILL

- Moral Code

*II John 1:6*

- Discipline

*Hebrews 12:6*





# FORGIVENESS

- Grace
- Redemption
- Reconciliation





**LUKE 15:11-32**

**JESUS' STORY  
OF A FATHER'S  
LOVE**





# *The Prodigal Son received from his father:*

- **Life**

Creation, Senses, Intelligence,  
Emotion, Provision

- **Free Will**

Moral Code, Discipline

- **Forgiveness**

Grace, Redemption, Reconciliation





# *Life, Free Will, Forgiveness*

- How did the son respond to these gifts of love?





# *Life, Free Will, Forgiveness*

- How do I respond to God's gifts of love?





*As a parent, have you ever  
felt your love was abused?*

*What if you had  
billions of children  
who ignored or abused  
you daily?*





*Genesis 32:24-30*

*Have you wrestled  
with God's love  
lately?*





Come, O thou Traveler Unknown

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Come, O thou Traveler unknown,  
Whom still I hold, but cannot see!  
My company before is gone,  
And I am left alone with Thee;  
With Thee all night I mean to stay,  
And wrestle till the break of day.





I need not tell Thee who I am,  
My misery and sin declare;  
Thyself hast called me by  
my name, look on Thy hands,  
and read it there;  
But who, I ask Thee, who art Thou?  
Tell me Thy name, and tell me now.





Yield to me now, for I am weak,  
but confident in self despair!

Speak to my heart,  
in blessing speak,  
be conquered by my  
instant prayer.

Speak, or thou never hence shalt  
move, and tell me if thy name is Love.





'Tis Love! 'tis Love!  
Thou diedst for me!  
I hear Thy whisper in my heart;  
The morning breaks,  
the shadows flee,  
Pure, universal love Thou art;  
To me, to all, Thy bowels move;  
Thy nature and Thy Name is Love.

