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## Weird Families Work When Love is Loud

*(How to put feet on your feelings)*

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"Little children, let us stop just saying we love people; let us really love them, and **show it by our actions.**" (1 John 3:18)

### 3 Things Love is Not

Love is not **a feeling.**

Love is not **convenient.**

Love is not **cheap.**

### 3 Things We Cannot Afford

We cannot afford to live with **unmet expectations.**

We cannot afford to live with **unresolved anger.**

"If you are angry, don't sin by nursing your grudge. Don't let the sun go down with you still angry--get over it quickly; for when you are angry, you give a mighty foothold to the devil." (Eph 4:26-27)

We cannot afford to live with **unused affections.**

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## 7 Qualities Of L. O. U. D. Love

**Loud love endures.**

"Love is very patient and kind, . . ." (1 Cor 13:4)

**Loud love forgets.**

". . . never jealous or envious, never boastful or proud, never haughty or selfish or rude." (1 Cor 13:4-5)

**Loud love aligns itself.**

"Love does not demand its own way. . . ." (1 Cor 13:5)

**Loud love releases.**

". . . It is not irritable or touchy. It does not hold grudges and will hardly even notice when others do it wrong." (1 Cor 13:5)

**Loud love laughs.**

"It is never glad about injustice, but rejoices whenever truth wins out." (1 Cor 13:6)

**Loud love gives.**

"If you love someone, you will be loyal to him no matter what the cost." (1 Cor 13:7)

**Loud love keeps the faith.**

". . . You will always believe in him, always expect the best of him, and always stand your ground in defending him. . . ." (1 Cor 13:7)

***There are three things that remain--faith, hope, and love  
and the greatest of these is love."***

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