

**“Growing Godly Families”**

**Week 5: “Excel in Love”**

**Faith Bible Church**

**June 6, 2010**

1 Thessalonians 4:9-10 (New American Standard)

9 Now as to the love of the brethren [philadelphia], you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to [agapao] love one another;

10 for indeed you do practice it toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, to excel still more.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (New American Standard)

4 [Agapao] Love is patient, love is kind, and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant,

5 does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered,

6 does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;

7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

PAUL IS GIVING US ALL A CHALLENGE: TO EXCEL IN THE HIGH VIRTUE, AGAPAO LOVE

1. Jot down some descriptions of agapao love in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 that stand out to you as you listen to today’s message.

2. Who is the supreme example of agapao love?

3. What should motivate us to excel in agapao love?

4. Where does the power come from to live out and excel in agapao love?

*Application.*

1. List something a person can do to demonstrate agapao love in their immediate family or church family.

2. How would your world change if you put agapao love into action in your life, even just one aspect of agapao love?

*Assignment.*

Based on today’s message, select a person from your family or from church, find a positive or good thing in that person, then pray for that person every day for 2 weeks straight, thanking God for the good thing in that person and asking God to bless that person.