



Power Up: Week One
“Powered Up To Love”
1 Corinthians 13:4-8a
*The Spirit empowers us to
love as we are loved.*

Introduction—“The Forgotten God” - The “Third Person” of the Trinity
The Spirit is the energy between us, the force that empowers us
**This series will explore all the ways the Spirit empowers us to be the
people God longs for us to be.**

THE SPIRIT EMPOWERS US TO LOVE AS WE ARE LOVED

*Our conversation partner today is the Apostle Paul himself, and a passage
that is most often read at _____!*

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

- *There’s a lot that has been made about the use of “agape” love here.*
 - *But Paul explains what he means when he says “Love” in more detail.*
 - *There are 15 verbs; 7 positive, 8 negative - Love is an action, not abstract*
 - *Arrogant - “puffed up”; Rude - outside of propriety, hurtful*
 - *No record of wrongs - tax implications; Happy with truth - legal words*
 - *“Panta” - always; a protective kind of cover, not gullible, but trusting*
 - *Patient - makrothymos: refusal to retaliate, refusal to be worn down*
- Love Never Falls Down—Paul uses the imagery of a strong house.**

HOW DO WE LIVE INTO THIS?

There is a circular shape to all of this that is powered by the Spirit

- 1. What if you substituted the word “God” for the word “Love”**
Reframe this with God as the source—how does that change it?
It makes this passage even more meaningful, right?
- 2. Now substitute your own name for the word “Love” in the passage**
What do you think when you read it like this? Does it feel true?
What would it take for you to make this true about yourself?
- 3. In order to live into this, you have to make love an action**
And only the Spirit can lead you in this. You have to be ready to act.
And to listen to the call of the Spirit when it comes.

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SERMON EXTRAS & FURTHER READING

FOR FURTHER READING:

Will Willimon

The Holy Spirit

Joseph D. Small

Fire And Wind: The Holy Spirit In The Church Today

Francis Chan

The Forgotten God

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