



Rekindling
the Agape
Spirit
~ MY STORY, MY SONG! ~

EXPRESSIONS
OF LOVE

27 Jan 2019

***Husbands, love your wives,
as Christ loved the church
and gave himself up for her,***

Ephesians 5:25

***Those with the
Agape spirit
love selflessly and
sacrificially.***



3 discoveries that will rekindle in us the Agape spirit:

- 1. Why the Agape spirit is so important**
- 2. Why we struggle to live out the Agape spirit**
- 3. How we can live out the Agape spirit**

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1. Why the Agape spirit is so important

It is not jealous
it does not seek its own interests
It bears all things
1 Corinthians 13
endures
Love is patient
believes all things
does not brood
but rejoices
Love is kind
hopes all things
it is not rude
Love never fails
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with the truth
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If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:1-3



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Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

1 John 4:8

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**22...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
23 gentleness, self-control;**

Galatians 5:22-23

A photograph of yellow buttercup flowers on green stems against a bright blue sky with a sun flare and lens flare effects. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent white circle on the right side of the image.

***Value the
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more than the
gifts of the
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By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

John 13:35

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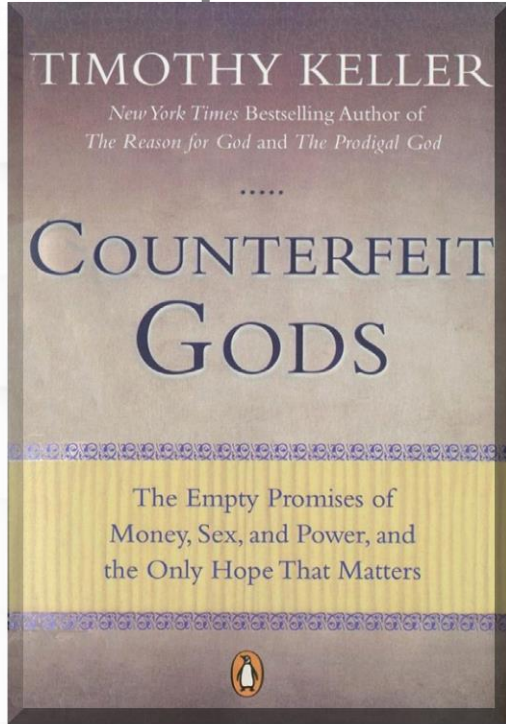
4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7



**Under every
behavioural sin is
the sin of idolatry.**





An idol is whatever you look at and say, in your heart of hearts, 'If I have that, then I'll feel my life has meaning, then I'll know I have value, then I'll feel significant and secure.'

Timothy Keller | Counterfeit Gods

4 idols in your heart:

- 1. Power – a longing for influence or recognition***
- 2. Control – a longing to have everything go according to your plan***
- 3. Comfort – a longing for pleasure***
- 4. Approval – a longing to be accepted or desired***



***The evil in our desire
typically does not lie
in what we want,
but that we want it
too much.***

**John
Calvin**

**4 idols
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1. Power

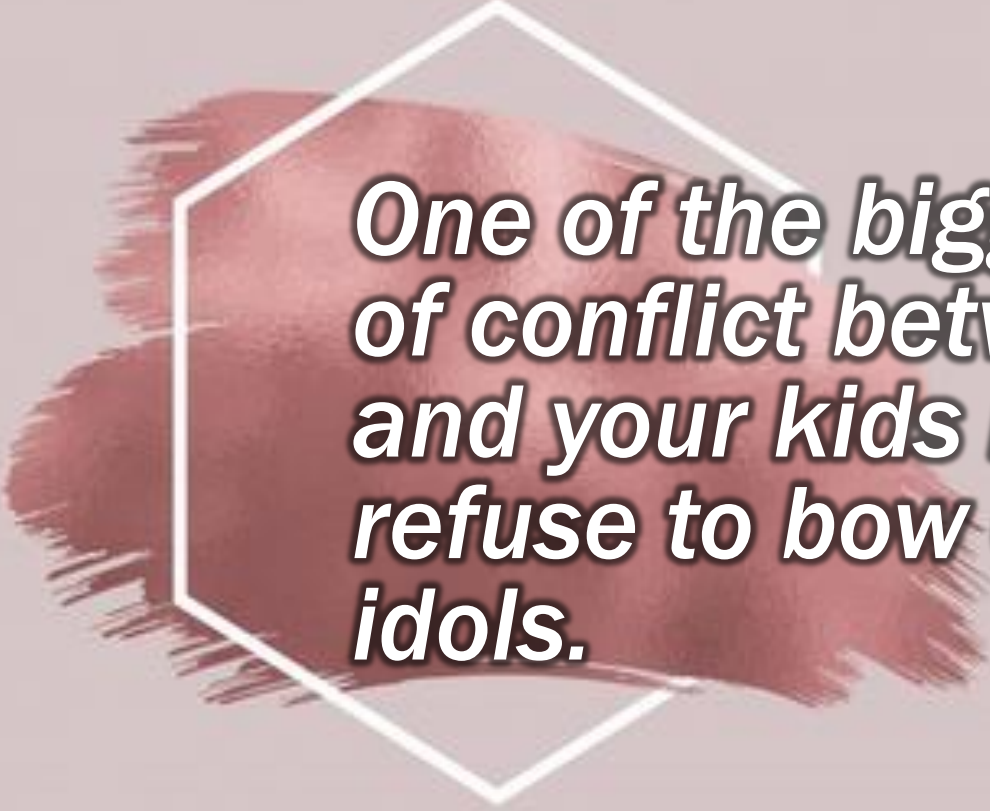
3. Comfort

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One of the biggest sources of conflict between you and your kids is when they refuse to bow down to your idols.

Dan Allender

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PRAYER

Ignite!

This Tuesday, 29th Jan
8pm, Level 3 LOR Room
OneDorset