



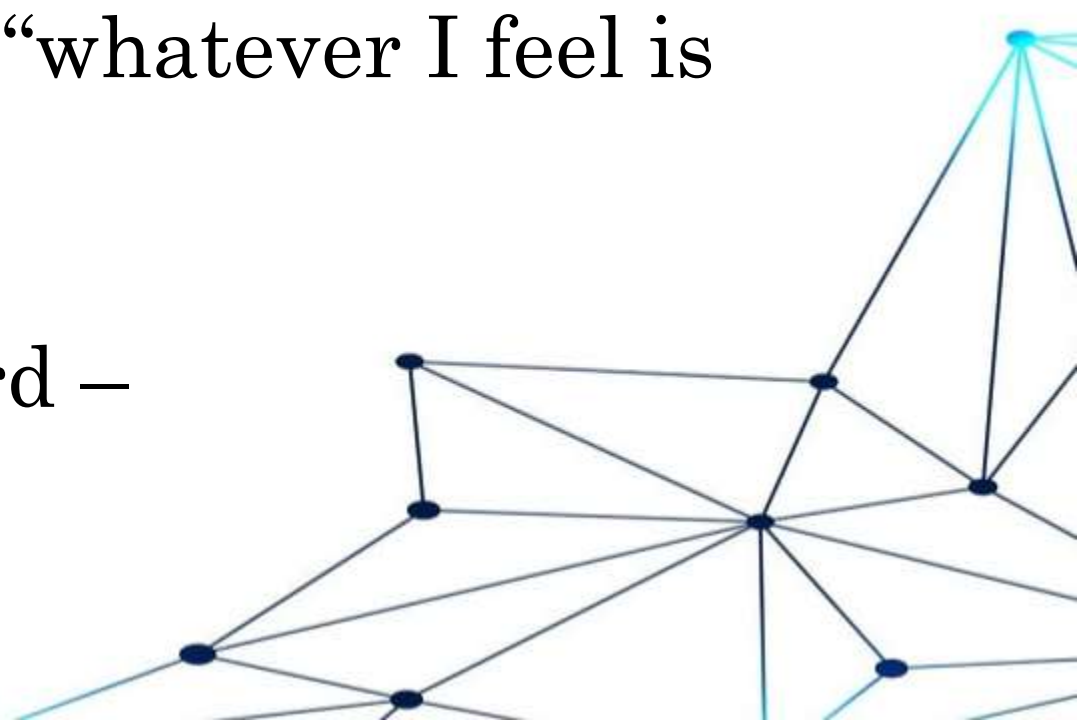
# REDEFINING LOVE

Luke 10:25-29






# Man's Standard of Love

- Individual expression and autonomy – “I can define it for myself”
  - The giver is the standard – “whatever I feel is love”
  - The recipient is the standard – “whatever they feel is love”
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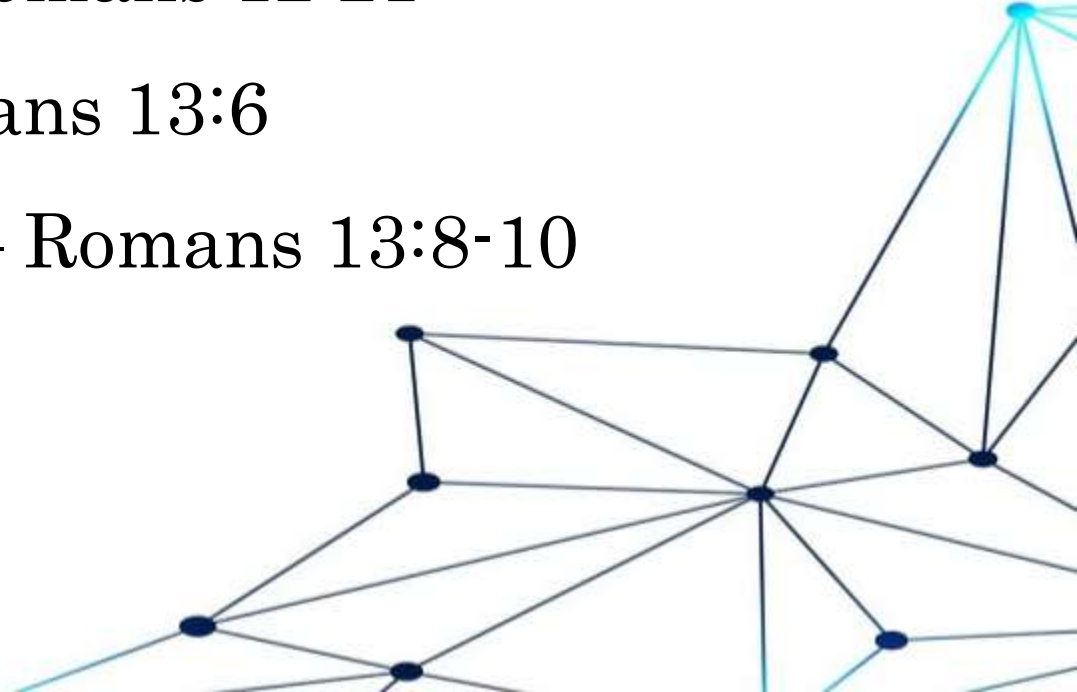


# God's Perfect Standard

- God is love – 1 John 4:7-8
    - Love for neighbor starts with love for God – Matt. 22:37-38
    - Love for God teaches us to love neighbor – 1 John 4:20
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# God's Perfect Standard

- Love requires God's truth
    - Love evil / hate good – Romans 12:9
    - Overcome evil with good – Romans 12:21
    - Rejoice in truth – 1 Corinthians 13:6
    - Submit to God's commands – Romans 13:8-10
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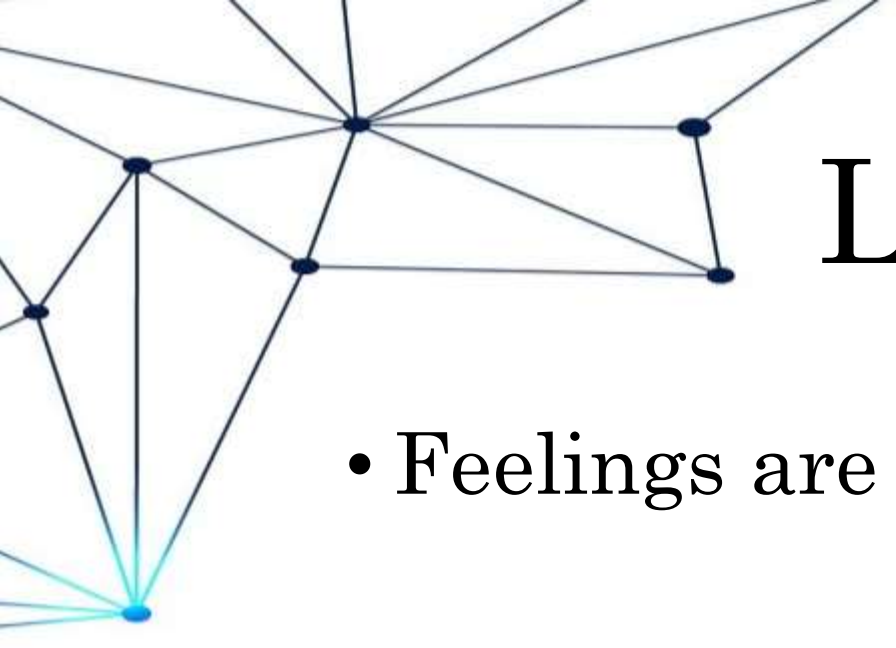
# “Postmodern Love”

“The trouble with forcing two different people to believe that love means being bound to an agreement [marriage] is that one will have to necessarily make a sacrifice.”

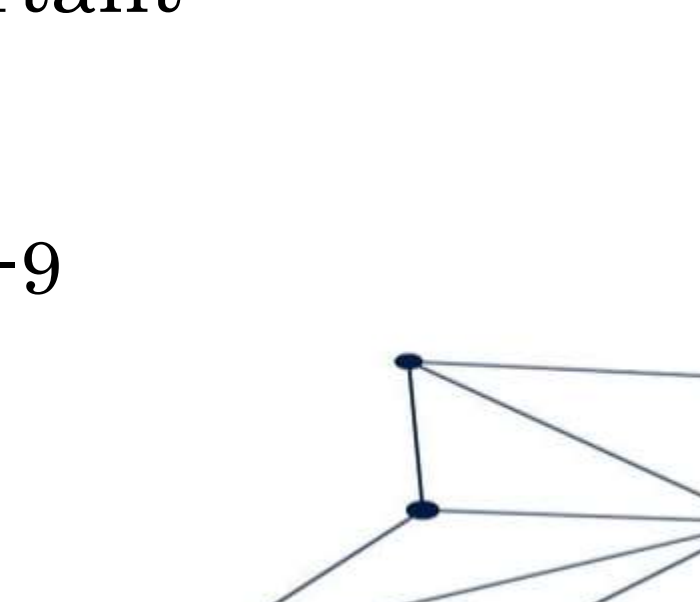
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<https://opinion.inquirer.net/111367/postmodern-love>





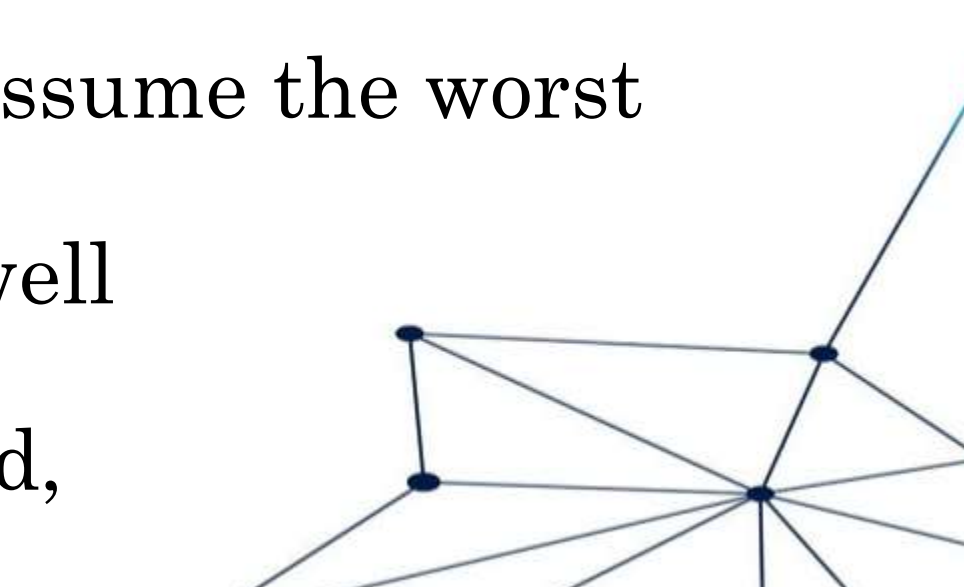
# Love and Feelings

- Feelings are important – Colossians 3:12, 4:6
  - Feelings are not **most** important
    - Jesus – Mark 10:21-22
    - Paul – 2 Corinthians 2:4, 7:8-9
  - Speak truth in love, as God defines truth and love
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# Applications

- Speak God's truth about marriage / gender with love
  - Learn to be unoffensive and unoffended
  - Don't leave over feelings or assume the worst
  - Take constructive criticism well
  - Don't avoid tough, but needed, conversations
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# The Greatest Love

“We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us...” – 1 John 3:16a

“By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.” – 1 John 4:9

