

**Thinking Through Music: What's Love Got To do With It? Part 2**

**Pastor Jeremy  
Lifeline 4/13/2005**

If you were another person would you like to be a friend of yours?

-Anonymous

**Irene Toby Mac**

**Where is Your Boy Tonight by Fall Out Boy**

**Walk a Little Straighter by Billy Currington**

**It's A Beautiful World by Jump 5**

Last week we discussed the **foundations** of friendships that can be found in John 15.

1. More than just **acknowledgement**.
2. Based on **sacrificial love**.

Tonight I want to try and bring out the **practical**, everyday acts of this kind of sacrificial love.

1 Corinthians 13 has **fifteen** qualities/characteristics of sacrificial love.

This is what seems to be **perfect love**.

There are 7 **positive** things that love does according to Paul here

Patient, kind, rejoices with truth, protects, trusts, hopes, perseveres (never fails)

There are 8 **negative** things that loves does not do according to Paul.

Envy, boast, rude, selfish, easily angered, keeps records of wrong, proud, delight in evil

This is the type of love that **David and Jonathon** have in 1 Samuel 20-23.

It is the love that **God** has for us in the whole Bible.

“In all circumstances and in human relationships, when in doubt: Love!”

-The life of Jesus

**Thinking Through Music: What's Love Got To do With It? Part 2**

**Pastor Jeremy  
Lifeline 4/13/2005**

If you were another person would you like to be a friend of yours?

-Anonymous

**Irene Toby Mac**

**Where is Your Boy Tonight by Fall Out Boy**

**Walk a Little Straighter by Billy Currington**

**It's A Beautiful World by Jump 5**

Last week we discussed the \_\_\_\_\_ of friendships that can be found in John 15.

1. More than just \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Based on \_\_\_\_\_.

Tonight I want to try and bring out the \_\_\_\_\_, everyday acts of this kind of sacrificial love.

1 Corinthians 13 has \_\_\_\_\_ qualities/characteristics of sacrificial love.

This is what seems to be \_\_\_\_\_.

There are 7 \_\_\_\_\_ things that love does according to Paul here

There are 8 \_\_\_\_\_ things that loves does not do according to Paul.

This is the type of love that \_\_\_\_\_ have in 1 Samuel 20-23.

It is the love that \_\_\_\_\_ has for us in the whole Bible.

“In all circumstances and in human relationships, when in doubt: Love!”

-The life of Jesus

**Thinking Through Music: What's Love Got To do With It? Part 2**

**Pastor Jeremy  
Lifeline 4/13/2005**

*Walk a Little Straighter Daddy*

I remember lookin' up to look up to him.  
An' I remember, most the time he wasn't there.  
I'd be waitin' at the door when he got home at night.  
He'd pass me by to go pass out in his chair.  
An' I'd sing: "Walk a little straighter, Daddy,  
"You're swayin', side to side.  
"Your footsteps make me dizzy,  
"And no matter how I try,  
"I keep trippin' an' stumblin'.  
"If you'd look down here, you'd see:  
"Walk a little straighter, Daddy,  
"You're leading me."  
He stumbled in the gym on graduation day.  
An' I couldn't help but feel so ashamed.  
An' I wasn't surprised a bit when he didn't stay,  
He stumbled out before they called my name.  
An' I thought: "Walk a little straighter, Daddy,  
"You're swayin', side to side.  
"It's not just me who's watching,  
"You've caught everybody's eye.  
"And you're trippin' an' stumblin',  
"And even though I've turned eighteen,  
"Walk a little straighter, Daddy,  
"You're still leading me."  
The old man's still like he always was,  
But I love him anyway.  
If I've learned one thing from him,  
It's my kids will never have to sing:  
"Walk a little straighter, Daddy,  
"You're swayin', side to side.  
"Your footsteps make me dizzy,  
"And no matter how I try,  
"I keep trippin' an' stumblin'.  
"If you'd look down here, you'd see:  
"Walk a little straighter, Daddy,  
"You're leading me."  
"Yeah, walk a little straighter, Daddy,  
"You're leading me."

## Thinking Through Music: What's Love Got To do With It? Part 2

Pastor Jeremy  
Lifeline 4/13/2005

### It's beautiful world

It's about friends, its about school its about changes. The ones you never thought they'd put you through .Its times like these That I've got a touch of Irish in me ,yeah .And we can talk honesty But honestly .I'm okay this way ,yeah...*Hey ,you just don't understand sometimes my sky's a little gray.But I know eventually .I'll be feeling all right again .Life's been friend to me.You don't need to convince me.It's a beautiful world.I know its a beautiful world..*It's about faith ,it's about heart .It's about progress. the things that try to tear the world apart .My mind has to speak .Cause I feel what I feel much too deep.but if it motivates me to do something good.then I'm okay this way .*Repeat chorus..*Sunshine beating down on my life. Maybe that's a long time away.But I guess I'll take it day by day.You ask when I'll get my smile back .Well I'll tell you. I can smile now though I know I down .And if you stay around it might just happen..It's about you ,it's about me .It's about trusting .All the things we do but never see .I feel so much .Sometimes I 'm a little out of touch.You can talk honesty. But honestly .I'm okay this way, yeah *Repeat chorus.*

Thinking Through Music: What's Love Got To do With It? Part 2

Pastor Jeremy

Lifeline 4/13/2005

*Grand Theft Autumn (Where Is Your Boy Tonight) by Fall Out Boy*

*Where is your boy tonight? I hope he is a gentleman.*

*Maybe he won't find out what I know:*

*you were the last good thing about this part of town.*

*When I wake up,*

*I'm willing to take my chances on the hope you hate*

*him more than you notice I wrote this for you.*

*You need him. I could be him...*

*I could be an accident but I'm still trying.*

*That's more than I can say for him.*

*Where is your boy tonight? I hope he is a gentleman.*

*Maybe he won't find out what I know:*

*you were the last good thing about this part of town.*

*Someday I'll appreciate in value, get off my \*\*\*\*\* and call  
you...*

*but for the meantime I'll sport my brand new fashion of waking  
up*

*with pants on at 4:00 in the afternoon.*

*You need him. I could be him...*

*I could be an accident but I'm still trying.*

*That's more than I can say for him.*

*Where is your boy tonight? I hope he is a gentleman.*

*Maybe he won't find out what I know:*

*you were the last good thing about this part of town.*

*Where is your boy tonight? I hope he is a gentleman.*

*Maybe he won't find out what I know:*

*you were the last good thing about this part of town.*

*Where is your boy tonight? I hope he is a gentleman.*

*Maybe he won't find out what I know:*

*you were the last good thing about this part of town.*

**Thinking Through Music: What's Love Got To do With It? Part 2**

**Pastor Jeremy  
Lifeline 4/13/2005**

*Irene*

Hush little baby baby don't you cry  
Daddy's gonna sing you a lullaby  
Everything's gonna be alright  
The Lord's gonna answer your prayer tonight  
Hush little baby don't you cry  
Daddy's gonna sing you a lullaby  
Everything's gonna be alright  
The Lord's gonna answer your prayer  
Last night I had a dream you was the homecoming queen  
Today you're 18, happy birthday Irene  
Quit school you had to drop out to raise your little child  
Doesn't seem to be anyone around  
You got to reach up to touch rock bottom  
The powers that be keep you downtrodden  
Daughter of Zion, I heard your prayer  
Just cast your cares and please beware of snakes  
They come in all shapes and sizes  
Tempt you, put scales on your eyelids  
Don't waste your sorrows  
They'll give you strength ... tomorrow  
Your Calvary's about to come so  
Keep your head up, don't you ever let up  
This storm will pass you be ready for the next one  
Hey little girl with the pressures of the world on your shoulders  
Don't say that it's over  
I heard your prayers, just cast your cares  
And I'll be there so don't you fear

**CHORUS**

Irene I carried you when you was too weak to walk  
I took to you when you gave your heart to God  
Faithful and true, that's what I'll always be to you  
Believe in you, believe in Me and these mountains have to move  
You have dreams and aspirations  
I knew you before creation  
Your foundation's solid  
I will give you a palace, restore your soul  
You'll be up for any challenge  
Many storms are on the way better sharpen your faith  
Count the cost, take up your cross  
And wear it every day  
Rest in Me and I will give you strength  
Blessed is she, Irene who seeks my face

**CHORUS**

Father I'm stronger than when I first believed

## Thinking Through Music: What's Love Got To do With It? Part 2

Pastor Jeremy  
Lifeline 4/13/2005

### Announcements

Family Fun Festival- That is this Saturday from 3pm-7pm Sign up on the sign up sheet if you can help out with this event here at church. Please plan on working for most of the time but if enough sign up you will have plenty of time to play the games and help out with the Corn Hole Tournament as well.

Alter Rock to start up- This is a collaboration of a lot of churches in this area that will feature heavy metal alternative Christian music on a monthly basis. The premier of this ministry is Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup> at New Life Vineyard on Princeton Pike. Cost of this event will be \$7 at the door and it will feature 5 bands: *Against the Nations*, *The Arson Portrait*, *Killing Calypso*, *A Plea for Justice*, and *Goodwen*. Doors open at 7pm with the concert beginning at 8pm. The activities will be over by 11pm. If you are interested in helping clean up after this event let me know. I am unable to go so this would be an on your own opportunity.

Domestic Mission Trip- June 19<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> here in Hamilton Ohio. WE will be working with a couple of the area soup kitchens and places like that. If interested see me. The cost of this trip will be low and the fun will be high.

Youth Choir is meeting again on Sundays at 5:15pm and the song they are working on right now *I Heart of Worship*. Come join us on Sundays as we practice.

### Game

Spud-Assign each person a number 1-however many people are in the group. Select one person to be "it" and start the game. That person will throw the ball up in the air and call out a number. Whosever number is called must catch the ball and yell "Spud". Once "spud" has been yelled everyone stops where they are. The person with the ball tries to hit someone else like dodgeball; they are allowed 3 steps towards any person. The person being thrown at can only move their body but can't jump or anything like that, feet must stay on the ground. If the person is it they get a letter, if they catch the ball then the thrower gets a letter. Object is you don't want to get s-p-u-d spelled out. Play for 10-15 minutes and then come back inside.

### Worship

*I'm In Love with a Big Blue Frog*

*O Worship the King*

*Shout to the North*

*Sanctuary*

### Lesson

It is great to see everyone here tonight and I hope that you have enjoyed yourself so far this evening. I want you to stay in your prayer groups and I am going to pass out four different songs to you. You see the titles of the songs and the artists that perform them on your handout. I want you guys in your groups to take a look at the lyrics and see what it says about life and our relationships in general. I have given you space on your handout to record some of your thoughts so you don't forget. I am going to give you about 5 minutes or so to do this and then

## **Thinking Through Music: What's Love Got To do With It? Part 2**

**Pastor Jeremy**  
**Lifeline 4/13/2005**

we will come back together to discuss what we found out. We will then once again dive into the Bible to talk about what it has to say in contrast or similar to some of the music we listen to.

Okay you have now found out about the different lyrics (allow them time to share their thoughts from each group and then go to the songs below).

### **Irene Toby Mac**

For the most part this song is okay but I don't agree with the chorus at all. It gives us as Christians the hope that God answers all of our prayers and that everything will be all right. Within our relationships we have we are never guaranteed in the Bible that they will be "all right". In fact if we were to look a little later in the book of John from last week we find out that some of our relationships will not be good at all but instead will be formed on hatred. Other than that there are a lot of good qualities that we can learn from this song. We see the theme of believing in each other and how things can be based on that. There are also themes of caring for each other and truly being there. However, this is a prime example I believe how we need to be careful even in the Christian music that we listen to and whether or not it teaches us what the Bible teaches us.

### **Where is Your Boy Tonight by Fall Out Boy**

I believe that in this song you see the opposite in a lot of areas what the Bible teaches us about true love as we will see tonight. In the very first couple of lines we see this man jealous and green with envy about this girl having someone else besides him. You see where this man is very much into himself and doesn't truly care about what anyone else thinks or their concerns. This person is a lazy bum in my opinion. It also seems that this person in "dipping in someone else's bucket" so to speak to make himself look good to this person. Now that I have mentioned some of the bad things in this song I must say there is a redeeming factor if you look at it. I believe that the one good thing in this song is that whoever gets this lady must be a gentleman. I believe that some of the characteristics we will look at in just a minute goes along with the gentleman them.

### **Walk a Little Straighter by Billy Currington**

This may be a rare song in all of history that is not Christian in particular but it holds the values of what we will talk about later on in high regard. You see someone here that in spite of everything that has gone wrong in their life and the many hurts they have seen they still believe in their father and want them to get better in life. You see the theme of constant love and devotion, caringness (if that is a word) and all the like. Here love is not a feeling but a choice definitely something we can learn from in today's world.

### **It's A Beautiful World by Jump 5**

I think this first line is totally true in this world, it's about friends. In fact that is one of the things we learned last week. This song is not a bad song at all but not much is said about relationships other than that and it provides I think a good segway into our study tonight.

Last week we discussed the foundations of friendships that can be found in John 15. We saw that in particular there were two truths we must learn. 1) That friendships are more than just acknowledging someone else's existence. We pointed out that we have different terms for people that we just know and normally don't call them friends but acquaintances or just someone that I know. A relationship is one that goes beyond just knowing of someone and getting to know that person. This is when a friendship and a relationship really gets going. 2) Friendships

## **Thinking Through Music: What's Love Got To do With It? Part 2**

**Pastor Jeremy  
Lifeline 4/13/2005**

are based on sacrificial love. In John 15 the ideal that we talked about was that we should be willing to give up our life's for someone else and that is what makes a true friend. This is something that is not easy for any of us to do but is what Christ said was the ideal and our goal in friendships/life.

Tonight however I want to bring out the practical, everyday acts that make up this kind of sacrificial love. I pointed out last week but we just briefly stated it that the application, or the way that kind of sacrificial love of John 15 is lived out, happens/occurs in 1 Corinthians 13. I want to spend the rest of our time together tonight on that part of Scripture and we will definitely see the differences between the Bible and what music and our culture teaches us. So everyone look on the screen or turn in the Bible to 1 Corinthians 13.1-13

<sup>1</sup>CO 13:1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

<sup>1</sup>CO 13:4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

<sup>1</sup>CO 13:8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. <sup>12</sup> Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

<sup>1</sup>CO 13:13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

I read the entire passage but tonight we are really only going to look at about 4 verses. Here in 1 Corinthians 13.4-7 we see fifteen qualities/characteristics of sacrificial love. We are going to list all of these traits and talk about them tonight. I believe that these 15 characteristics are what perfect love is all about. I want to state that this is the ideal and all of our relationships need to exhibit these traits but unfortunately we very often don't show these traits. As Christians we should be growing in all these areas and we know that we have come a long way if we can show these traits at the same time.

First let's look at the seven positive traits that love does according to Paul. These are things in the passage that we are told to do in regards to love, or how we know we are loving if we do these things. (Have the kids tell you what they are) Great the seven traits are: Patient, kind, rejoices with/in truth, protects, trusts, hopes, perseveres (never fails). These are the things that we should be doing in our relationships/friendships. If you look at most of the songs we listen to as people the don't do a bad part with some of these traits. I think though the biggest ones that we don't see taught in our songs is the idea of being patient with someone else. This is the idea that regardless of what someone does to us we should bear with them and not blow up when they do something we don't like or something like that.

## **Thinking Through Music: What's Love Got To do With It? Part 2**

**Pastor Jeremy  
Lifeline 4/13/2005**

Look at most of the music out there and you will also see that we as a culture don't rejoice with the truth but instead a lot of times hate it when the truth is out and we have to deal with it. We don't like the whole "tough love" approach to things or we think that everything is going to be alright but sometimes because of something that we have done things won't be alright instead we must face the consequences of our actions.

Besides the 7 positive traits of love Paul gives us 8 negative, or things love does not do, for us to know about sacrificial love. They are: envy, boastful, selfish, rude, easily eangered, keeps records of wrong, proud, and delights in evil. Now tell me how many of our songs talk about these traits. Unfortunately, most of rap/hip hop, and the heavy metal end of the music spectrum talk about lots of these traits and how we should be a part of these things if we love someone or ourselves. Once again the Bible is clear that if we want to show love that is not to be apart of our life. This is the opinion of the Bible not my opinion. Please understand this. I am not trying to spoil you fun per se but instead I am trying to have you think about what the Bible teaches as you listen to a song so you become critical thinkers.

A note on the easily angered part of love; this does not mean you don't get angry but instead that you don't get angry very easily. We can see in the Gospels that Christ got mad and cleared the temple because of what was going on. There will be times that we can get mad but Ephesians tells us just not to sin in our anger.

Ultimately everyone of these characteristics means that we must forfeit something that is rightly ours and look out for someone else. That is the whole point of sacrificial love: giving someone else what the world says should be about us.

As I look in the bible I see two examples of this kind of love. The first one is found in 1 Samuel 20-23 in the friendship of David and Jonathon. You see this type of friendship and acts of love to one another throughout the story there and I hope that you will take a look at that story this week on your own and try to emulate a little bit of it in your life. Secondly and most importantly this is the love that God has shown us throughout the whole Bible. There isn't a book in the Bible that doesn't show God's sacrificial love in it. It may come in ways we would not like to see it but it does happen.

During the time of President Lincoln there was a man by the name of Stanton. Stanton called Lincoln "a low cunning clown." He nicknamed him "the original gorilla" and said that Du Chaillu was a fool to wander about Africa trying to capture a gorilla when he could have found one so easily at Springfield, Illinois. Lincoln said nothing. He made Stanton his war minister because Stanton was the best man for the job. (Wouldn't it be something if this happened nowadays). He treated Stanton with every courtesy. The years wore on. The night came when the assassin's bullet murdered Lincoln in the theatre. In the little room to which the President's body was taken there stood that same Stanton that night, and, looking down on the silent face of Lincoln in all its ruggedness, Stanton said through his tears, "There lies the greatest ruler of men the world has ever seen." The patience of love had conquered in the end. That is why "In all circumstances and in human relationships, when in doubt: Love."

Now to change the pace a little bit before we go I need to talk with you guys. As you know I am a firm believer that you guys should know almost everything in my life and if anything new comes about you need to be the ones to start that rumor in the church. I am also one as you

## **Thinking Through Music: What's Love Got To do With It? Part 2**

**Pastor Jeremy**

**Lifeline 4/13/2005**

know that does not tell you something that may in the long run hurt you guys or not be good for the ministry. But I am excited to tell you about someone special that God has brought into my life in the past month and what that may mean for you guys.

Some of you are away by now that over the past couple weeks I have been on a couple of dates with a girl. I want you to know that I would not be telling you this unless I felt this person was someone that I could marry and that you guys would like and approve of. With that in mind I am happy to tell you guys about Manda, my girlfriend. We have been talking for a little over a month and have been on about 3 different dates and talked for many many hours. You see on the screen a picture of her and I that was taken just this past weekend at her fathers house. I am excited about this because I truly believe she is one that could become my future wife. I am also excited because I know you guys will love her and also probably joke with her like you do me, and that is encouraged. However I also tell you guys this because I need prayers to know exactly what God is wanting and the best course of action. I plan on not dating Manda but instead courting her. Maybe at a future lesson I will explain the difference but just leave it at that for now. I hope that you guys will go about and tell anyone and everyone about this girl. If you are really interested she will be here Sunday night because I am preaching in the evening service. I also ask that you guys will behave to some extent with her until you both are comfortable with each other and then you can act normal. So there you go, that is my news.

Let's Pray.