ADDICTED TO LOVE 2 slides

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 "Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong-doing but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."

Bryan Chapell, "Why we do what we do is also how we do what we do. If why I serve God is also how I serve God, then greater love always precedes greater power. And, in fact since we will only and always do what we love the most, then greater love is the means to greater power."

<u>Jesus' love for us brings us great jov.</u>

Isaiah 52:7 "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

A.W. Tozer "The people of God ought to be the happiest people in all the wide world. People should be coming to us constantly and asking the source of our joy and delight."

Galatians 5:22 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, *joy*, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness..."

Romans 5:1-5 "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."

Nehemiah 8:10 "Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Jesus' love for us is all consuming.

1 John 1:1-2 "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us..."

Jesus' love for us is selective.

Romans 3:10-11 "...as it is written: 'None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God."

Ephesians 1:4-5 "...even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will..."