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- Love integrates our life
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- Love compensates for our sin
 - **1 Peter 4:8 NKJV** – “And above all things have fervent love for one another, for “love will cover a multitude of sins.”
 - The love of Jesus covers our sins.
 - When we have experienced the love and forgiveness of Jesus, we can then forgive others
- Love lasts forever

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LAW #2: THE BEST EXPRESSION OF LOVE IS TIME

1 John 3:18 NLT – “Dear children, let’s not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.”

- Time is our most precious resource
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 - Priority is what we choose when we don’t have time to do everything. *(Husbands – wives – parents – children – Christians)*
- The essence of true loving relationships is how much we give of ourselves to that person.
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- There is no shortage of love in the universe. The problem is not in the supply, it’s in the delivery.
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