

# the Venues

## Go Deep

### Motown Message

#### Where Did Our Love Go?

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*Revelation 2:4*

<sup>4</sup> I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.

God is interested in our love life. This verse is not only about our devotion to God, to his work on earth, and his community, but it can be applied to our relationships with our spouse, our family, and our neighbors.

**Love is so very, very important.**

*1 John 4:7-8*

<sup>4</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

John tells us that love is what makes us who we are as followers of Christ. Without love, some things are just not possible.

*What does John say is not possible without love?  
What do you think that means?*

*Song of Solomon 2:15*

<sup>15</sup> Catch the foxes for us,  
the little foxes that spoil the vineyards,  
for our vineyards are in blossom.

Little Foxes are those things in life that are so small and insignificant, but they can cause the most damage if we allow them to irritate us to the point that we lose love and “spoil the vineyard.”

*What types of things are “little foxes” in your marriage, family, or other relationships? How can you go about guarding yourself from these “little foxes”?*

## **Marriage Myths:**

#1 Marriage should be easy.

#2 If I get Married, everything will finally be okay.

#3 Marriage is meant to meet my every need.

*Have you ever believed these marriage myths? If you're married, have you ever found any of them to be true? What other myths of marriage are present in the world today?*

## **1. Love Is At The Beginning Of All Things**

*Romans 5:8*

<sup>8</sup> God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

God loved us from the beginning of time itself and he planned a way to rescue us before we even sinned.

## **2. Love Is At the End of All Things**

*1 Corinthians 13:8*

<sup>8</sup> Love never ends...

When all is said and done, the only emotion or power on earth that will remain is love.

Happiness without Holiness is Meaningless.  
Holiness without Happiness is Pointless.

*Do you think this is true? Have you ever thought that in order for your marriage – or any aspect of your life – to be holy, it can't be happy? Where do those ideas come from?*

Here's what we all need to know this week:

**Love is so powerful and if lose love, we lose that power.**

Here's what we all need to commit to do this week:

**Show your love to each of these people:**

1. Spouse, Significant Other, Family
2. Neighbor
3. Enemy