

The background is a complex, low-poly geometric pattern of triangles in various shades of purple, blue, orange, and red. A white rectangular frame is centered on the image, containing the text 'THIS IS REAL LOVE' in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The text is arranged in four lines: 'THIS', 'IS', 'REAL', and 'LOVE'.

**THIS
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LOVE**

“

12:31 So you should earnestly desire the most helpful gifts. But now let me show you **a way of life that is best of all.**

13:1 If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. 3 If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, **I would have gained nothing.**

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:7 [NLT]

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4 Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud 5 or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. **6 It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out.** 7 Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

1 Corinthians 13:1-7 [NLT]

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LOVE REJOICES WHEN TRUTH WINS OUT

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- “She loves me. She loves me not.”



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“...gaining completely nothing.”

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John 8:44b [NLT]

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Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honouring each other.

Romans 12:9-10 [NLT]

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- “Love shares Truth’s Joy”



GOD REJOICES OVER US

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How precious are your thoughts about me, O God!
They cannot be numbered!

Psalm 139:17 [NLT]

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Psalm 139:17 [NLT]

GOD is all mercy and grace—
not quick to anger, is rich in love.

GOD is good to one and all;
everything he does is suffused with grace.

...

Generous to a fault,
you lavish your favour on all creatures.

Everything GOD does is right—
the trademark on all his works is love.

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Psalm 145:8-9, 16-17 [MSG]

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- “The trademark of all His works is love.”
Ps. 145:17 [MSG]
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Luke 15

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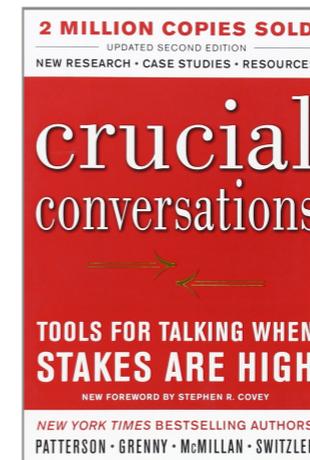
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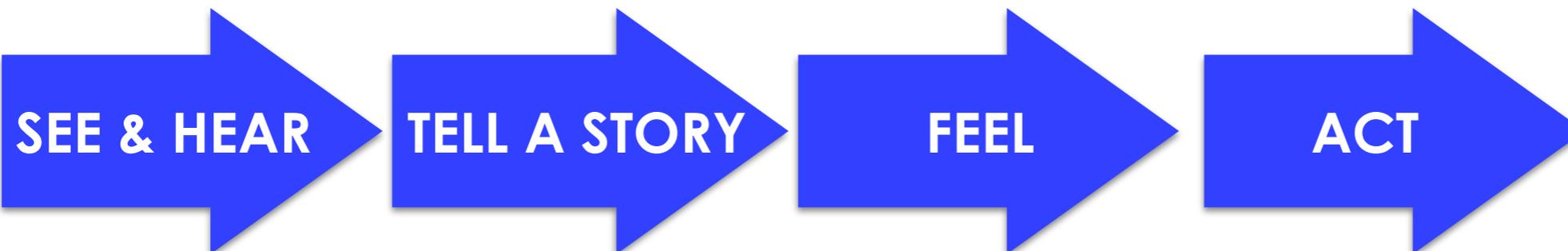


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CELEBRATING TRUTH IN OTHERS

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- Love is active, ambitious, missional and works hard.

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CELEBRATING TRUTH IN US

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- We create stories about ourselves.

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GOD REJOICES OVER US

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If you love me, obey my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. **He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth.**

John 14:15-17 [NLT]

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CELEBRATING TRUTH IN US

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- We create stories about ourselves.
- Make it personal

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A PERSONAL REFLECTION

God is patient with me,
God is kind to me,
He isn't jealous of me,
nor is He boastful, proud, or rude to me.

God doesn't demand his own way.
He doesn't get irritated with me,
and He doesn't keep a list when I wrong Him.

He doesn't rejoice when I fail,
but rejoices when I walk in truth.

God never gives up on me, never loses faith in me,
and He is always hopeful for me.
God is with me through every circumstance.

Based on 1 Corinthians 13:4-7