

LIVING IN LOVE OR DEATH

1 John 3:11-18



"We know the darkness is leaving and the dawn is coming when we can see another person and know that it is our brother or sister; otherwise no matter what time it is, you're still in darkness."

A photograph showing a circle of hands of various skin tones (white, light brown, dark brown) holding each other in a supportive grip. The hands are arranged in a circle, with fingers interlocking or resting on each other, creating a sense of unity and community. The background is a plain, light color.

People with a heart
for God
have a heart
for people.

1 John 3:11-18

I. LOVE ONE ANOTHER, v11.

II. MURDER AND HATRED, v12-15.

III. LOVE OR INDIFFERENCE, v16-18.

I. Love One Another, V11

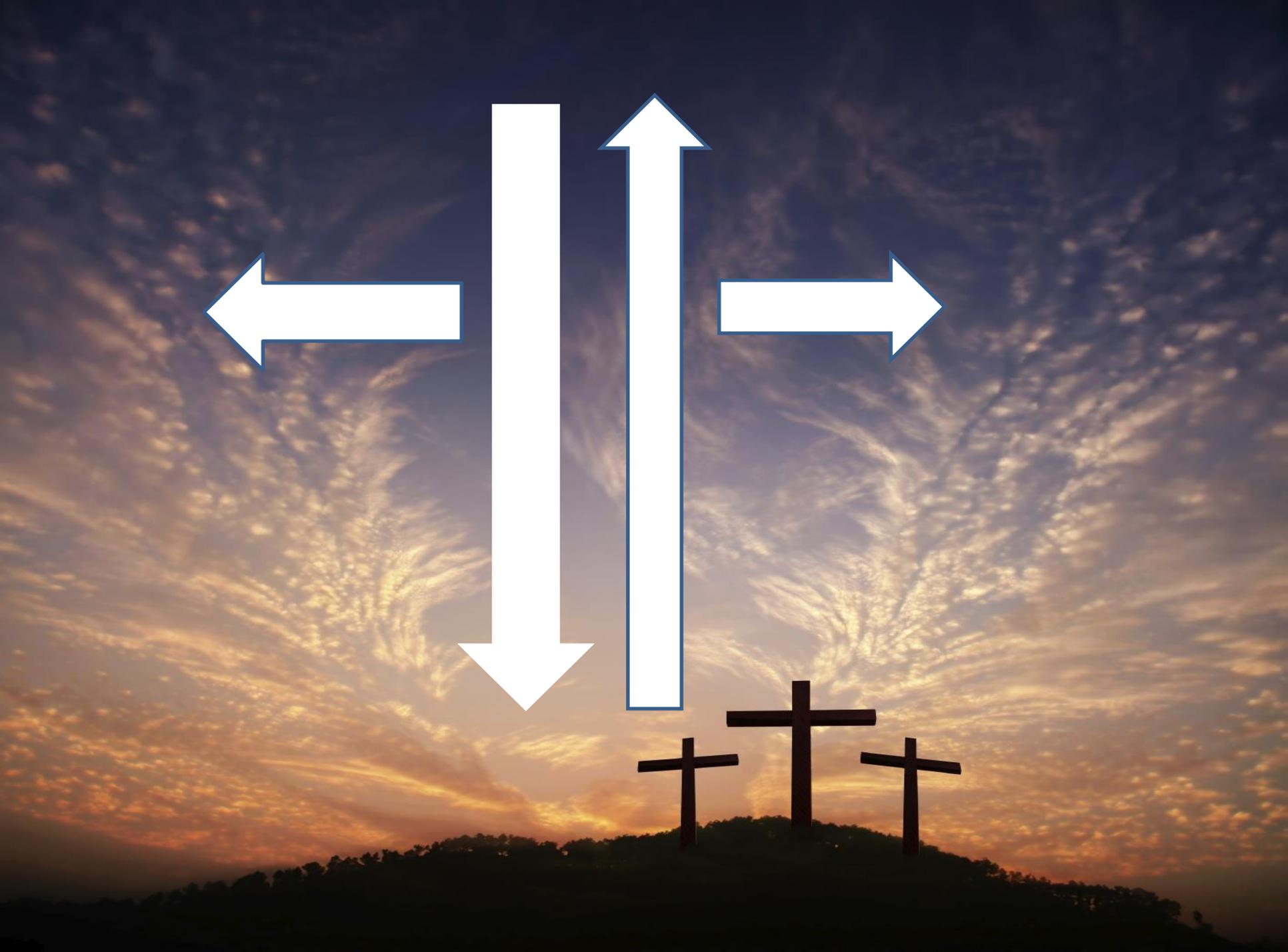
¹¹ For this is the message
you heard from the beginning:
We should love one another

The Gospel is based upon 3 LOVES

1. God's love for us,
2. our love for Him,
and in Him
3. our love for others.



GOD'S LOVE
WE DELIVER®



II. MURDER AND HATRED, v12

¹² Do not be like Cain,

who belonged to the evil one

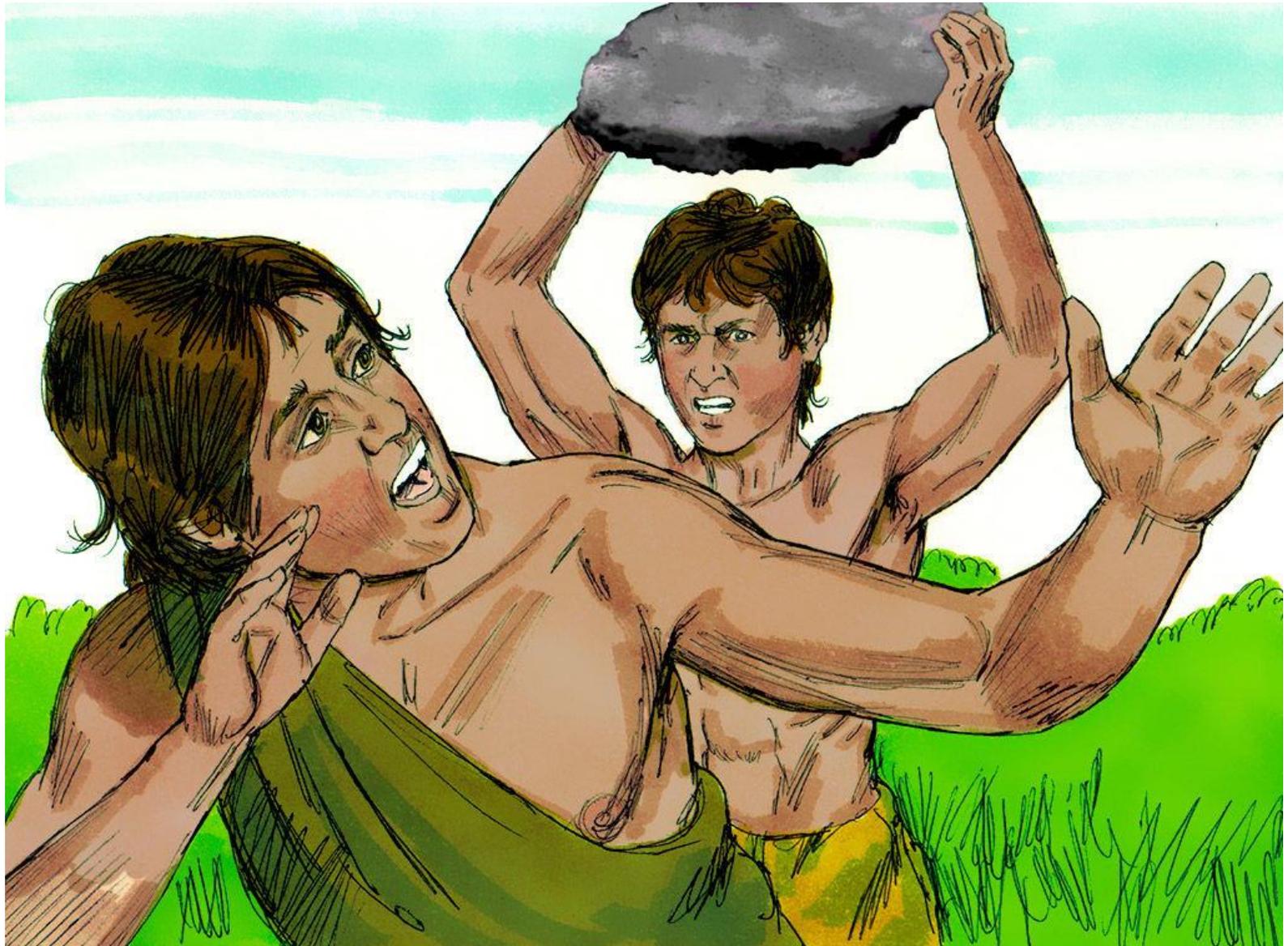
and murdered his brother.

And why did he murder him?

Because his own actions were evil

and his brother's were righteous.

The First Murder



**Murder is in the heart
before it is in the hand.**



Jealousy



Hatred



Murder

II. MURDER AND HATRED, v13

¹³ Do not be surprised,
my brothers and sisters,
if the world hates you.

I met Jesus at the cross roads,

Where the two ways meet;

Satan too was standing there,

And he said ' Come this way,

Lots and lots of pleasures I can give to you this day.'

But I said 'No! there's Jesus here,

Just see what He offers me:

Down here my sins forgiven,

Up there, a home in heaven;'

Praise God that's the way for me.



II. MURDER AND HATRED, v14

¹⁴ We know that we have passed
from death to life,
because we love each other.
Anyone who does not love
remains in death

“Love” means life and refusal to love means death.

II. MURDER AND HATRED, v15

¹⁵ Anyone who hates a brother or sister
is a murderer,
and you know that no murderer
has eternal life residing in him.

Christianity begins in the heart, outward
compliance alone is not sufficient.

“There's murder in their hearts.
You'd better be glad the bars are there.”



"May their souls rest in hell and suffer the torments of the condemned for eternity."



III. LOVE OR INDIFFERENCE, v16-18

¹⁶ This is how we know what love is:
Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.
And we ought to lay down our lives
for our brothers and sisters.

Christian love is both positive and negative

"Cease to do evil; learn to do well" (Isa. 1:16-17).

Self-preservation

Physical life

Self-sacrifice

Spiritual life

Actions in Love

Feelings of Love

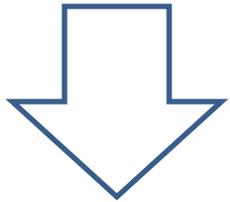


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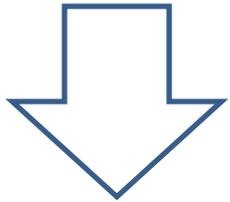
¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees (behold) a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them,

how can the love of God be in that person?

Beholds or Sees



“Theoreo”



Theater

Stage of Life



“I didn’t do anything!”



III. LOVE OR INDIFFERENCE, v16-18

¹⁸ Dear children,
let us not love with words or speech
but with actions and in truth.



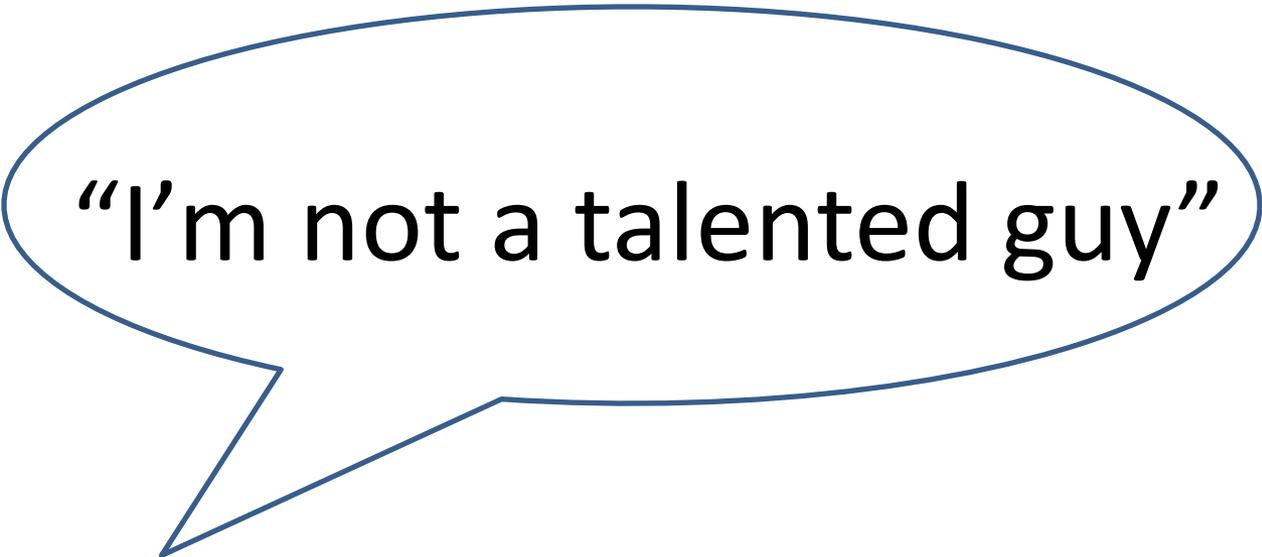
Genuine Love is Practical, Visible and Active.



The story of John Herman and Kirk Porter

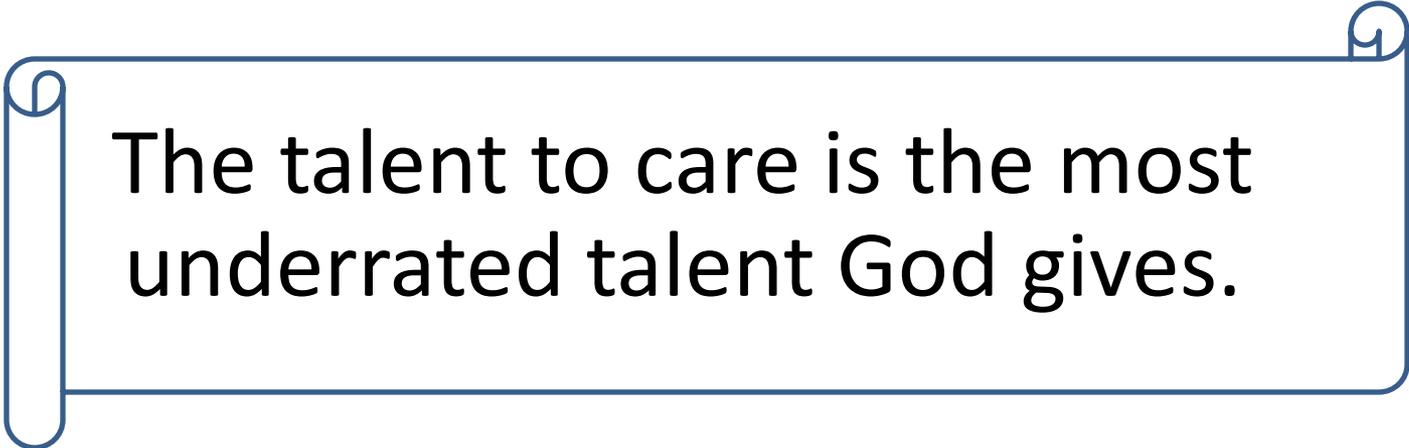
- Big Brother Big Sister Program
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“I’m not a talented guy”

says John Herman



The talent to care is the most underrated talent God gives.

You may give without loving,
but you can't love without giving



The Test Of Real Love

- Is your love tangible with action or just in theory or just word?
- Try loving with actions and with compassion.
- Do you love each person here today?
- Do you love them in word & in action?
- Your words may mark the truth.
- But your action will prove the truth.

Real LOVE[®]

The Cross

The Empty Tomb

FAITH

**Jesus is both
What He said and What He did**

Word

Action

FAITH



God
bless you