

LIVING THE DASH — DAY THREE

Love Is the Language of the Dash

Scripture:

“Above all, love each other deeply.” — 1 Peter 4:8

When your dash is finished, very few people will remember what you owned —

but they will never forget how you **made them feel**.

They will remember the way you showed up.

The way you listened.

The way you forgave.

The way you stayed when it would have been easier to walk away.

Love is the clearest measure of a life well lived.

We often think love is something we feel.

But real love is something we **choose** — especially when it’s inconvenient, uncomfortable, or undeserved.

Loving deeply means:

- Offering grace when you want to hold a grudge
- Speaking gently when you are frustrated

- Being patient when it would be easier to quit
- Forgiving when you still feel the wound

Love is the work of the dash.

Your words shape the hearts around you.

Your tone builds or breaks trust.

Your presence brings either peace or pressure.

Every interaction becomes part of your legacy.

One day, long after the dash closes, your love will continue speaking for you.

So speak it now.

Live it loudly.

Practice it daily.

Tell the people you care about that they matter.

Apologize quickly.

Forgive freely.

Encourage generously.

The greatest testimony your life can leave behind is how well you loved.

Who in my life needs love from me today — through my words, my patience, or my presence?

Lord, teach me to love like You love — deeply, generously, and without conditions. Let my life be marked by compassion and grace. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.