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God loves each of us. Personally. Powerfully. Passionately. And it's a love worth giving.

But before we can pass love on, we must receive it ourselves.

Building on the principles found in 1 Corinthians 13, known as the love passage, best-selling author Max Lucado helps us dive into the depth and perfection of God's love, exploring the ways that it can be reflected in our daily lives through patience, kindness, forgiveness, and more. For those of us feeling low on these attributes, *A Love Worth Giving* opens the door to the transfusion we need in order to spread a love that really is worth giving.

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Tina at Mommynificent says

I love Max Lucado's easy and yet challenging style. This is a book I'll return to again and again as it helped me get past my over-familiarity with 1 Corinthians 13 and really think about the way God loves me and how that can and should overflow to others. It's a really good study of those very familiar verses. I do wish I had realized that there is an actual study guide at the end of the book for each chapter. I didn't see it until I was nearly finished with the book, and I would have enjoyed doing the study guide as I read each chapter. Next time, I guess.

Carol says

Lucado takes the verses from 1 Corinthian 13:4-8 and in the simplest ways makes it unforgettable in our daily lives. Here's just one example written by Max Lucado -- I Corinthians 13:6 "Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth."

You know your love is real when you feel for others what Catherine Lawes felt for the inmates of Sing Sing prison. When her husband, Lewis, became the warden in 1921, she was a young mother of 3 daughters. Everybody warned her never to step foot inside the walls. But she didn't listen to them. When the first prison basketball game was held, in she went, 3 girls in tow, and took a seat in the bleachers with the inmates.

She once said, "My husband and I are going to take care of these men and I believe they will take care of me! I don't have to worry!"

When she heard that one convicted murderer was blind, she taught him Braille so he could read. Upon learning of inmates who were hearing impaired, she studied sign language so they could communicate. For 16 years Catherine Lawes softened the hard hearts of the men of Sing Sing. In 1937 the world saw the difference real love makes.

The prisoner knew something was wrong when Lewis Lawes didn't report to work. Quickly the word spread that Catherine had been killed in a car accident. The following day her body was placed in her home, 3/4 of a mile from the prison. As the acting warden took his early morning walk, he noticed a large gathering at the main gate. Every prisoner pressed against the fence. They'd come to stand as close as they could to the woman who'd given them love.

The warden made a remarkable decision. "All right men you can go. Just be sure to check in tonight." These were American's hardest criminals. Murderers. Robbers. These were men the nation had locked away for life. But the warden unlocked the gate for them, and they walked without escort or guard to the home of Catherine Lawes to pay their last respects. And to a man, each one returned. Real love changes people.

Esther says

A Love Worth Giving by Max Lucado was an inspiring book! There were chapters I cried through, and others that took me weeks to get through, but each held a message that my soul needed to hear. I started reading this book because of three words on the back cover, "Low on Love." That's where my heart was at.

However, as I turn to the last page of this book, I'm ready to love again. God's love for me is so great! I can't even fully fathom it. I'm not worthy of His love, yet God gives it to me freely. Thus, I can live loved, act loved, and give love. For God's love is a love worth giving.

Amanda says

Very good. I thought it would be a "simple" book to read, as it's not difficult reading, but his points are things to dwell on. Understanding how God loves you allows you to live out love to others, and this book walks through how God loves using the 1 Corinthians 13 love passage as a framework. Would definitely recommend.

Jackie says

Max Lucado is one of my favorites! He puts the truth out there so beautifully and it's so applicable. This book encouraged me to love in light of the love God has given me- thus the title- Love worth giving. Great scripture, great stories, and my book had a discussion guide in the back- so you could easily do this in a small group Bible Study.

Laura says

First time really delving into the Christian book scene beyond the bible and reading about Mother Teresa. I really enjoyed this book because of the scripture that went along with it and the breakdown of the chapters. I read this with a book club group; highly recommend using the discussion pieces included in the book.

Kenzie says

I know I will return to this book for future reference! I highlighted the goodness out of it -- so much good stuff on every page. Challenges us as Christians to think beyond ourselves and gives us tangible ways to represent the love of Christ. Favorite quote: "Will we ever love like that? Will we ever love perfectly? No. This side of Heaven only God will. But we will love better than we have."

Rebecca says

Max Lucado, knows how to get close to the readers....I like how he's using the words.... God bless him, for this heavenly gift of reading.!

J says

I normally don't like Max's books thinking that they are too shallow. But, this book was better than most of his that I have read. It focuses on 1 Corinthians 13. Sometimes Max tries to be funny when he doesn't really have to and cheeky, but otherwise a good book. I doubt any one I know really lives up to 1 Corinthians 13 besides Jesus, but it is a good target to strive towards.

Kym McNabney says

I admit it. I LOVE devotionals. The only part I don't like, but have overcome is when they are dated. Though I typically read every day, I don't like feeling as though if I miss a day I am behind and need to make it up. What I love about devotionals is the little snippets of goodness each day. Typically not too much or too little, which allows you to absorb the words and gain much more from them.

A LOVE WORTH GIVING: LIVING IN THE OVERFLOW OF GODS LOVE by MAX LUCADO isn't a devotional per say, yet it had the feel of a devotional. One with more substance to each chapter, rather than each day. MAX LUCADO is a brilliant writer. I have enjoyed everything I have read by him thus far. In my copy of A LOVE WORTH GIVING, I have many highlights as well as underlines and notes and comments.

Peri Gilbert says

Be prepared to change your views on what love is all about it. It is a great book that challenges to understand and implement true unconditional love.

Rachel Sirup says

My shepherd gave this book to me as a gift and I asked her why this particular book? I asked if it was because she thought it was a book I needed for the season and she told me that love is something so essential and basic that us Christians should have a deep understanding of.

It is so important to understand the why behind the reason we love and how to go about doing it. For me, especially and in this season, I was really struggling. Humans. The Dread. The way Max dissected 1 Corinthians 13 reminded me again of God's unlimited supply of His Love. That He doesn't love me because I'm awesome and amazing but it's because He's awesome and amazing. This book has both made me cry and humbled me. Need to understand Love and why it exists? Pick this book up.

The Book Man says

A Love Worth Giving...A Book Worth READING by Max Lucado :)

Teya Miller says

We all could use a good dose of the reality of God's love!! When we're filled with His love to overflowing, it

spills over to those we love. This is a great book!!

Jessica says

This was a wonderful, thought provoking look at the demonstration of love in 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8. I recommend this book to anyone even if they already consider themselves to be kind and loving.

As always, Max Lucado delivers yet another masterpiece to encourage and challenge us in our faith-walk. I was inspired. This year, I've been working hard to try and seek God more, and the more I've looked for him, the more I've realized that I don't need to because He is already seeking me out. With His seeking, He has lavished me with His love – something I felt was lacking due to circumstances. It wasn't until I picked up this book that I realized how God's love never fades. I've been a christian since I was a child but it hasn't been until recently that I've noticed, in the good and the bad, God loves me. I was believing that my harsh circumstances meant a lack of God's love in my life because I couldn't feel it. Only recently did I realize that His love is always present no matter what. This book was a stepping stone in that journey and I am so thankful that God used it to open my eyes to His unfailing love.

Certainly that wasn't the whole point of this book. It's a reminder to pay it forward so to speak. It challenges us to both accept God's love and then to freely share and give it to others. Not just through salvation, but also through our actions toward loved ones and friends and our brothers and sisters in Christ. We shouldn't just be filled with God's love, we should spread it to others.

I'm trying my best to carry that out in my own life and as a result, I'm seeing how God has lightened the weight of worry in my life and brought some of the joy back into it. It's amazing and relieving to see that God's love stands firmly in place through the storms. I'm so thankful. His Love has restored my hope and I can't wait to see what God does next in my life.
