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LOVE IS...

Carla squeezed the steering wheel as hot tears welled in her eyes. She had been married for less than a year, and already her husband seemed to hate her. Her mobile beeped. It was from him. He was angry and rude – nothing like the man she married. She wiped her eyes, glad that the windows were tinted and no one could see her tears.

Alan threw down his phone. He had to work late again, but he didn't care. He really didn't want to return home to his wife. She would just want to nag and argue again. In fact, he may take that position in another city. That would teach her. The further away from her, the better. He felt hurt, angry and frustrated.

CAN THIS MARRIAGE CAN BE SAVED? Yes, and here is a key:

KNOWING WHAT LOVE IS

Many people have no idea what love is. To many, love is a feeling. They are only partially right. Love is much more. Too many marriages have ended because “love has died.” To understand why love dies – and how to keep it from dying, we need to understand what love is.

Love is patience, kindness, gentleness and such. How do you know someone is kind? By their words or their actions? It is actions, right? A person does kind things and you know they are kind. Love is also patience, gentleness, honor, etc. All these are shown by action.

The point is love is initially action – not feeling. The love feeling comes *after* the love action. A person does a kind action, and the receiving person feels loved.

When people date, there is usually a lot of love action. He buys her flowers. She rents his favorite movie. All these love actions result in love feelings.

When the love actions stop however, the love feelings soon die. He stops telling her she is beautiful, and she stops encouraging him. The result is we have two people who are in need of love – but aren't getting it.

The solution is to begin the love action again. Be kind, patient, gentle, courteous, encouraging to each other. Make each other coffee, write cute letters, buy flowers, go on hikes, do the dishes, etc. Don't wait for the other person to “pay back” your love, because that is *not* love.

One surprising result of loving others is, often you feel great doing it.

I guess that is because God Himself is Love.

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The above knowledge is from the Bible. The Bible teaches that God is love. God not only made all people, He also invented marriage. His Bible shows us real love. Google 1 Corinthians 13

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