

"The most important thing in your life

is not what you do;

it's who you become.

That's what you will take into eternity."

Dallas Willard

...those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son....
Romans 8:29 CSB

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact expression of his nature....

Hebrews 1:3a CSB

God is love.

1 John 4:8b csB

The most important thing in life is becoming the kind of person who loves.

But what is love?

Ancient Greek had 4 primary words used to distinguish different types of love:

eros

romantic love based physical attraction; root of the English word 'erotic'

storge

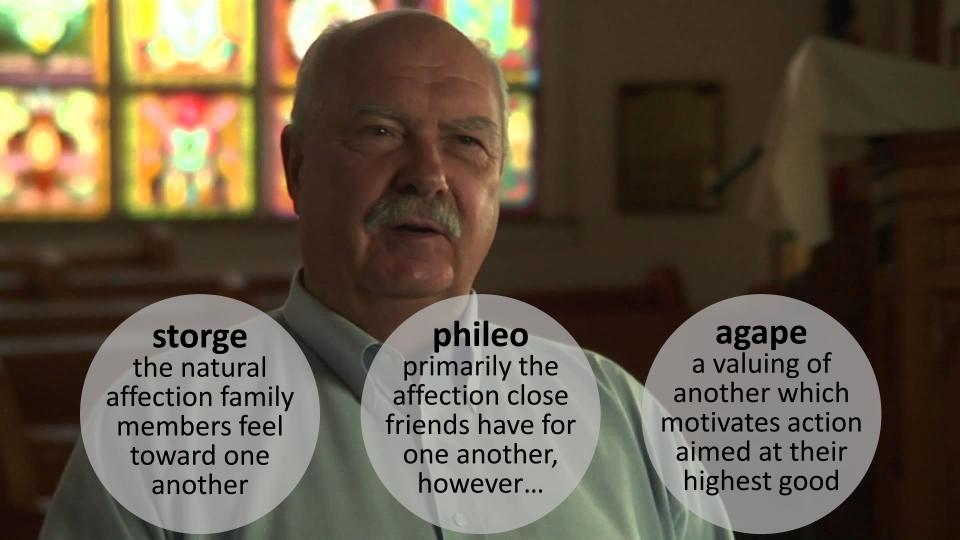
the natural affection family members feel toward one another

phileo

primarily the affection close friends have for one another, however...

agape

a valuing of another which motivates action aimed at their highest good



philadelphia the affection of close friends + a brother

Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love...

Romans 12:10 NKJV

As concerning brotherly love, you do not need me to write to you. For you yourselves are taught by God to love one another.

1 Thessalonians 4:9 MEV

resulting in

Having purified your souls in obedience of the truth for a sincere brotherly-love — love one another fervently from a pure heart....

1 Peter 1:22 DLNT

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"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 ESV

For one will scarcely die for a righteous person —though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— 8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:7-8 ESV

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1 John 3:16 GNT

This is how we know what love is:

Christ gave his life for us.

We to, then, ought to give our lives for others!