

**LIFE GROUP STUDY – Dr. Harley Ihm**  
**“Design How You Will Be Loved” - 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8**

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**Icebreaker:** How would you describe to someone what it means to be loved?

In the Velveteen Rabbit, the stuffed toy tells how when someone carries you around and finally, you get all shabby and your eyes fall out, and then you know that you were really loved. God wants us to really love us and wants us to be really loved by others. How we design our life will determine how we will be loved.

**Encounter the Word**

1. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a. What does it mean that true love is patient?
  
2. How can love fail because it is self-seeking?
  
3. What does God mean by not keeping a record of wrongs?
  
4. What does love ALWAYS do?

**Encounter Life**

1. In what ways areas of your life, especially your relationships, do you have trouble being patient?
  
2. If you were to rate the priorities you place on your needs compared to the priorities you place on your girlfriend's or wife's needs, what would the percentage be closest to? (Check one. If you don't have a wife or girlfriend, check which one you think would most likely be you)  
 25% you/75% them;  40% you/60% them;  50% you/50% them;  
 60% you/40% them;  75% you/25% them. Do you think it is pleasing to God to remain at this level?
  
3. Love keeps no record of wrongs done against us. This applies to those we love romantically. It also applies to everyone in our lives. Is there anyone in your life you have never totally forgiven? What wrongs are you keeping a record of? Write them down on this paper. Then tell God they are totally His, you have released them forever. Then erase the things or blot them out. How did that feel when you erased them, when you were released to love again?
  
4. Read the passage once again. What do you find the most revealing thing in this teaching to you personally? Why?