

Love
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CHOICE
[NOT A FEELING]

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“Isaac...took Rebekah and she became his wife and he loved her”

Genesis 24:67

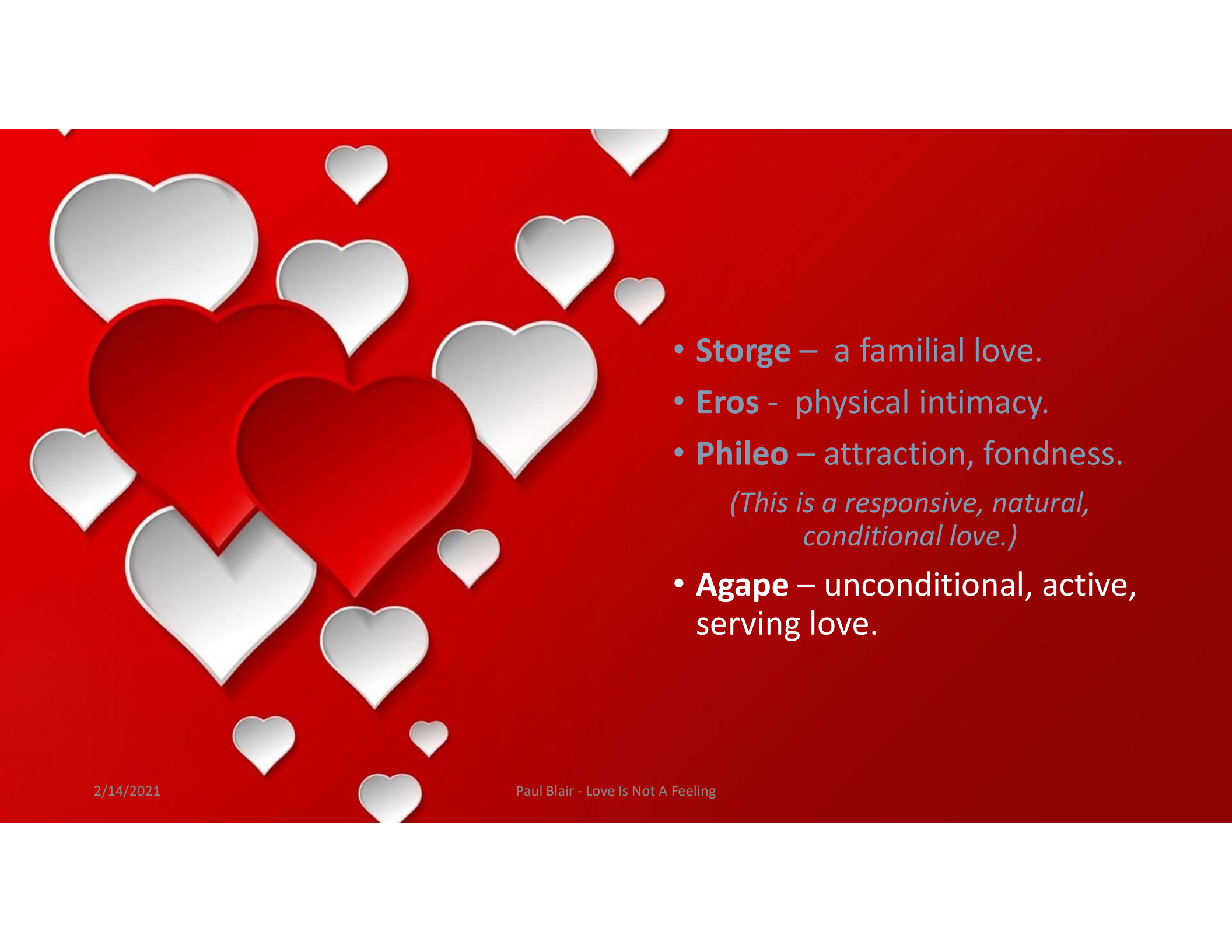





1) What is love?

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- **Storge** – a familial love.
 - **Eros** - physical intimacy.
 - **Phileo** – attraction, fondness.
(This is a responsive, natural, conditional love.)
 - **Agape** – unconditional, active, serving love.

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**2) The kind of
love we are
commanded to
have is not an
emotional
feeling.**

Titus 2:3-5

*The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; **That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,** To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.*





3) This Love is not Conditional


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John 13:1

Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, **he loved them unto the end.**



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**4) Love is
Action. It is the
giving of oneself
to another and it
is an act of
obedience.**

- **John 3:16** *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*
- **Rom 5:8** *But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*
- **Gal 2:20** *I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*



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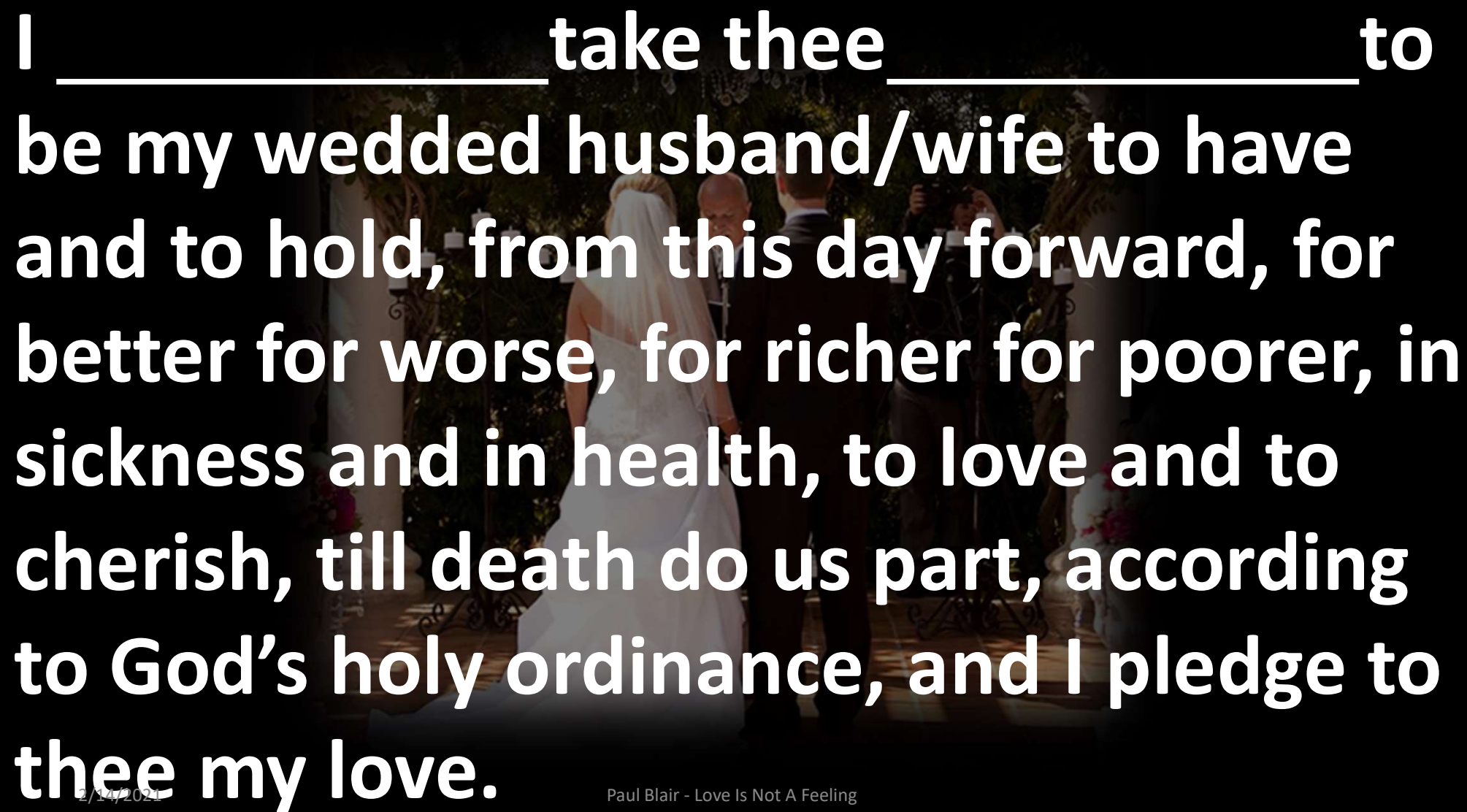
There are two ways to live life:

1. The feelings oriented life focused on serving yourself
2. And, the commandment oriented life of holiness and obedience to God.

I love you!

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A wedding scene with a bride and groom walking down a path, surrounded by guests and photographers. The bride is wearing a white dress and veil, and the groom is in a dark suit. They are walking away from the camera. The background is filled with greenery and people, some of whom are taking photos.

I _____ take thee _____ to
be my wedded husband/wife to have
and to hold, from this day forward, for
better for worse, for richer for poorer, in
sickness and in health, to love and to
cherish, till death do us part, according
to God's holy ordinance, and I pledge to
thee my love.

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1 Cor 13:4-8

4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

8 Charity never faileth:



“Love is not the silly, sticky, sentimental feeling that it has been made out to be. The feeling connected with love is wonderful and substantial because it is built on a solid foundation. The view that equates love with feeling subjects love to tides of emotion that ebb and flow. The feeling of love is really the fruit of love. Love has roots much deeper than feeling. Love first is the willingness to give of oneself to another, whether it be time or possessions or concern that is given. He must give in order to love. He must show love by doing loving acts according to the Scriptures, whether he feels like it or not. And if he does loving acts often enough, at length he usually begins to feel like doing them as well. Where one’s treasure is, there is his heart also.”

- Jay Adams

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