



river west church

Love Works

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Testimonies: Thom Wedge & Tommy Burkhalter

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The love of Christ is real, redemptive and life changing. The pages of the Bible are filled with stories of people whose lives have been rescued and transformed by the power and love of Christ. But that's not the end of the story. Jesus is still at work to rescue and renew our lives.

Today we are putting our study in the Sermon on the Mount on hold for one week so we can hear a personal testimony about Christ's love and grace.

While Maureen and I were in Denmark recently, we were able to connect with Thom Wedge and Tommy Burkhalter. Thom is a graduate of Lakeridge High School and often returns to Lake Oswego to visit his mother Maureen, who attends River West Church. For the last several years he has been in Denmark working with a ministry called "Love Works." Tommy lives in South Carolina where he works as a web page designer.

In Denmark, we had the opportunity to hear more of both Thom and Tommy's personal stories of faith in Christ. At the time I was thinking, "I would love it if the whole community of faith at River West Church could hear these wonderful testimonies!" So here we are. Both Thom and Tommy are with us and will be sharing parts of their personal testimony.

At the heart of these testimonies is the story of Christ's love reaching into our lives. But we are also reminded that the love of Christ is a gift that we are called to pass along to others. When we learn to live in Christ's love and in turn express His love to those around us, that's when amazing things happen in and through our lives. Love works!

Here are two key passages from the Bible that relate to what will be shared today: Deuteronomy 30:11-19 and 1 Corinthians 13:1-13.

Let's continue to pray for Thom and Tommy. Pray also for Weyman and Susan Howard and the ministry of Love Works. And don't forget to pray that you will personally grow in Christ's love and learn to share it with others!

Pastor Guy