



**AN EVEN  
BETTER  
WAY**

**I CORINTHIANS 12:31-13:13**

# 1 CORINTHIANS 12:31

But desire the greater gifts. And I will show you an even better way.

# 1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-4

If I speak human or angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so that I can move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing.

And if I give away all my possessions, and if I give over my body in order to boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

# BIG IDEA #1

- LOVE *is* a feeling
  - That compels us to action
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# 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7

Love is patient, love is kind.

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Love does not envy, is not boastful, is not arrogant, is not rude, is not self-seeking, is not irritable, and does not keep a record of wrongs.

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Love finds no joy in unrighteousness but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

# 1 CORINTHIANS 13:8-12

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will come to an end.

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put aside childish things. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, as I am fully known.

# BIG IDEA #2

- LOVE is greater than anything else in the church
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  - It is seen most perfectly in God's love for us

# 1 CORINTHIANS 13:13, 14:1

Now these three remain: faith, hope, and love—but the greatest of these is love.

Pursue love and desire spiritual gifts...

# BIG IDEA #3

- If I pursue LOVE, everything else will fall in place
  - I will have the gifts I need
  - I will use those gifts effectively

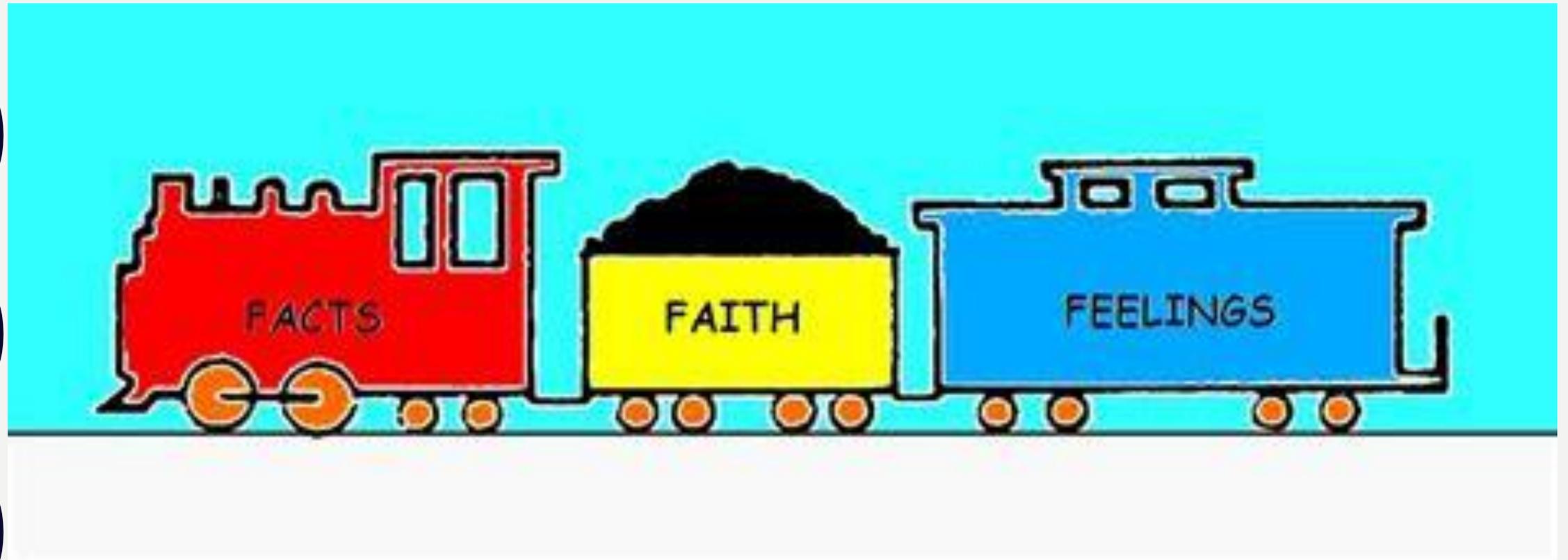
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# ARE FEELINGS AN AFTERTHOUGHT?



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