

Symphony of Love - Seeketh 3/1/2026 I Corinthians 13:4-8  
“Seeketh not her own” - Matthew 22:36-40 Hold your breath  
while I read - **WAIT! Kenny Head in water** - Want it like you  
want breath!! **Jesus 1st Others 2nd Yourself last**

I. SEEK GOD Jeremiah 29:11-13 For I know the thoughts  
that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace,  
and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye  
call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will  
hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when  
ye shall search for me with all your heart.

A. He sought us Luke 19:10 For the Son of man is come  
to seek and to save that which was lost. **I started to  
seek Diane way back in 1977 at college. Looking for  
her in classes, dining hall, library; not by accident -  
stalking. Good reasons why!**

1. We didn't deserve it Romans 5:6-8 For when we  
were yet without strength, in due time Christ died  
for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man  
will one die: yet peradventure for a good man  
some would even dare to die. But God  
commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we  
were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

2. Can't do anything to earn it Ephesians 2:8-9 For  
by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not  
of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works,  
lest any man should boast. **Did all I could to get  
Diane to like me - popped mints like they were**

candy. Combed my hair more (had it back then).  
Dressed nice. Etc.

3. God already loved me John 3:16

4. Don't wait Isaiah 55:6 Seek ye the LORD while  
he may be found, call ye upon him while he is  
near.

B. Are you seeking after God? Hebrews 11:6 But  
without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that  
cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a  
rewarder of them that diligently seek him. **Diligently**  
= "crave" Ever have cravings - gotta have it? Maybe  
when pregnant? Men can too! Matthew 5:6 Blessed  
are they which do hunger and thirst after  
righteousness: for they shall be filled.

1. More than food Job 23:12 Neither have I gone  
back from the commandment of his lips; I have  
esteemed the words of his mouth more than my  
necessary food. Jeremiah 15:16 Thy words were  
found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto  
me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am  
called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts. **How  
many are craving a salted caramel chocolate right  
now?**

2. More than chocolate! Psalm 19:10 More to be  
desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine  
gold: sweeter also than honey and the  
honeycomb.

- C. Do you seek to live for Him? Acts 17:27-28 That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring. **Seek in basket, frig, drawer, couch.**
- II. SEEK OTHERS Philippians 2:4-5 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.
- A. Some are drowning Psalm 69:1-3 **Experience as jr. High.** There are people who are drowning in their own tears (Psalm 42:3 My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?) that are sinking into the depths of depression and despair and are caught up in the riptide of their circumstances!
1. Reach out a hand to them Matthew 14:31 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?
  2. Throw out a lifeline James 1:5-6
- B. Spiritual CPR **Body** What do you do? **Don't kick him!** Proverbs 24:17 Rejoice not when thine enemy

falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth. **Do the 3 C's**

1. Check Matthew 7:3-5 "Consider not the beam that is thine own eye"
2. Call James 5:14-16
3. Care I Peter 1:22, Jude 1:21-23
  - **Breathe life into them** Job 33:4 The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

III. **SEEK SELF** Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. **"You have to learn to love yourself before you can love someone else. Because it's only when we love ourselves that we feel worthy of someone else's love."**

**Theological term for that - Baloney!** Ephesians 5:29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh... Better quote -

**"Many people say that you have to love yourself first before you can love others, but really, if you learn to love others, you will learn to love yourself."**

A. Be selfish by being selfless Luke 9:23-25 **"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose."** **Jim Elliot**

B. Self-help I Timothy 4:15-16 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee. **"The more**

**I love, the more I am loved.”** II Corinthians 12:15  
And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you;  
though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be  
loved.

Jeremiah 45:5 And seekest thou great things for thyself? seek  
them not: for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the  
LORD: but thy life will I give unto thee for a prey (spoil, prize)  
in all places whither thou goest.