

# FOR KING & COUNTRY

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EVER AND EVER BEFORE  
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## Playlist

This song is featured on "The Linc: God's Love" Spotify playlist – which is the perfect way to remind your students what you've taught them in this session. To share it with them, click the live link on the web version of this study.

## Theme

God's Love, Love; Committed, Difficulties; Overcoming

## Objective

Students will be able to name the difference between real love and cheap substitutes, identify the marks of Christian love from Scripture, and choose one concrete next step toward healthier friendships/dating relationships rooted in Christ.

## Warm Up

*Scripture or Song Lyric?* – Choose 5–10 lines from popular love songs (trending or timeless) and 5–10 verses from Scripture (ex: **Song of Songs**, **Psalms**, or **1 Corinthians 13**).

Designate one side of the room "Love Song" and the other "God's Word."

Read or project one line at a time.

Students move to the side they believe corresponds to the line.

After several rounds, briefly discuss:

- What made it hard to tell the difference?
- When you hear the word love, what usually comes to mind first?
- Where do you think most teenagers learn what love is?

## Transition

It's eye-opening how similar some love song lines sound to Scripture—both talk about devotion, forever, and sacrifice. But are they the same kind of love? Tonight's song, "Ever and Ever Before," points to something deeper: love that endures through storms, sickness, and heartbreak—love that grows stronger over time.

## The Video

As we watch, notice the images of steadfast love through seasons and think about its source in commitment and choice.

Play the video for "Ever and Ever Before (ft MÖRIAH & Courtney Smallbone)" by FOR KING & COUNTRY.

Discuss:

- What line, image, or moment stood out to you most? Why?
- The chorus repeats the idea: "*I love you more than ever and ever before.*" What does that imply about love?
- What do you think the song is not celebrating? (*fireworks, hype, attention, drama*)
- Where do you see people chase a version of love that doesn't last? (*Social media, hookup culture, "situationships," using people*)
- What are signs a relationship is built for the "long haul"?

## Transition

This song points toward love that is faithful, patient, practiced, and deeper over time—not just intense in the moment. This is the kind of love Scripture reveals most clearly. Let's open our Bibles.

## Bible Study

Read **1 Corinthians 13:4-8**

Paul describes the true, enduring qualities of love that reflect God's character.

- Which words or phrases stand out to you most? Why?
- If you used this passage as a "relationship filter," what would it challenge in teenage dating culture today?
- Pick one quality (patient, kind, not envious, etc.). What would living it out look like in your life this week?
- Which quality is easiest to admire but hardest to practice—and why?

Read **John 15:12-14**

Jesus defines love as laying down one's life for others and connects it to friendship with Him.

- How does Jesus define love in this passage?
- Why does He tie love to being called His friends—what does that reveal about the source of real love?
- What does "laying down one's life" look like in everyday teenage relationships?
- How can friendship with Jesus shape the way you love others?

Read **Romans 12:9-10**

Love must be genuine, and we are called to honor others above ourselves.

- Where do relationships often become more about using people than genuinely loving them?
- What does it actually look like to honor someone above yourself?
- How does Christ's love make "ever and ever" love possible in real life?
- What is one way you can honor someone this week instead of seeking your own way?

## Wrap Up

Real love is not just a feeling—it's patient, kind, enduring, and sacrificial. It grows stronger through hardship because it is rooted in Christ, who loved us first and laid down His life for us. Cheap substitutes fade—hype, drama, attention, using people. But Christ-centered love lasts, honors others, and brings true freedom.

God doesn't love you only when you're easy to love. He loves you in the storm, in the sickness, in the winter. His love is the original "ever and ever before."

Close in prayer.

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