

Love Is The Way

Session 6 – Adult Sunday School – May 17, 2026

I'm Just a Regular Person – Can My Love Have an Impact?

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing this. This enable us to do something, and to do it very well. [Bishop Ken Unterner]

Read Chapter 6 – It's Not Easy

1. Pg 120 – “What’s the best time to plant a tree? Twenty years ago. What’s the second best time? Right now. ... Change is a long slow march heavenward, with as many twists and turns as there are branches in a growing tree. Accepting that change doesn’t necessarily conform to any human timeline or plan is the first step. The second step is to stop worrying and get moving.”
2. Pgs 121 and 122 – “Human progress and change for the good is never linear. ... Whatever our effort, whatever we may wish, we might go one step forward, two steps back, two steps forward, then one step back, a circling back there, and on and on. The journey is always a struggle. But the movement is always forward, no matter the obstacles. ... As Frederick Douglass, himself a former slave who won his emancipation and then committed his life to freeing others, put it ‘If there is not struggle, there is no progress.’”
3. Pgs 122 and 123, and 135 to 137 – “None of us can know where our witness to love might lead – what light we might bring to the world. Our job is to do our job, and to let God do God’s job. ... Faith is taking your best step and leaving the rest to God. ... Progress does happen, but not always when we want it to, or in the way we think it will. But this much I know: If I let God be God, and I do my part in God’s economy, that’s enough!”
4. Pgs 137 to 139 – the story of Hugh Masekela, Father Huddleston, Louis Armstrong [and Nelson Mandela and so many others] and the struggle to bring an end to apartheid. Think about this and other stories of great change – how many of these stories are multi-generational struggles, taking a long time to develop and bear fruit.
5. Pg 139 – “It is impossible to know, in the moment, how a small act of goodness will reverberate through time. The notion is empowering and it is frightening – because it means that we’re all capable of changing the world, and responsible for finding those opportunities to protect, feed, grow and guide love. We can all plant seeds, though only some of us may be so lucky as to sit in their shade. Since we can’t start twenty years ago, the best time to start is today.”