

broken hearted

love in the 21st century

LOVE

1 JOHN 4:7-16

<i>storge</i>	<i>phileo</i>
<i>eros</i>	<i>agape</i>
<i>Ludus</i>	<i>pragma</i>
	<i>philautia</i>



EROS

The awesome mystery of romantic attraction

Watch out!

Eros wants to be a _____

Urges _____ as well as _____

Eros doesn't _____

EROS IS NOT THE VOICE OF GOD
IT IS A GIFT OF GOD

Can soften the hardest _____

Is a sample or shadow of _____ love

Eros makes great vows - _____

God is Love
(love is not God)

If love becomes a god,
it becomes a demon.

C.S. Lewis

Love God's way avoids broken hearts - and can heal hearts crushed by love gone bad.



ENCOUNTER GROUPS

Spiritual Growth Small Groups at Emmanuel Reformed Church



Getting Started

What are your thoughts on Valentine's Day?



What about the message?

Review the sermon together. What were the main points? What stood out to you as important? What questions did it raise for you?

Read **Exodus 20:1-6** - How can romantic love become a god in someone's life?

What is the difference between having another god, and having an idol?

What would it mean to have *eros* as an idol vs. a god?

What examples from the Bible can you think of where *eros* love was a great thing? What examples of it where it caused broken hearts? What lessons can be learned?



Going deeper

Where has *eros* caused you to do good, head in the right direction, or grow in your spiritual understanding?

Read **James 1:13-15** - How can *eros* tempt? What are the major ways it can impact people? This passage clearly outlines where it can lead. How can this be avoided?

The love talked about in 1 John is agape not *eros*. Reread **1 John 4:7-16** - How does the love talked about here differ from *eros*? Do you see any connections between the agape of God and the romantic *eros* we can feel?



Something to do:

Are there vows which *eros* led you to make which you need to strive to keep?

Is there heart break you need God to heal?