

WHAT
IS A
PROJECT?

BRAVE DEFINITION

1: ENDURE OR FACE UNPLEASANT CONDITIONS OR BEHAVIOR WITHOUT FEAR AND EVEN WITH ENTHUSIASM.

2: CONFIDENT FORTITUDE OR DARING THAT ACTIVELY FACES AND ENDURES ANYTHING THREATENING

3: HAVING OR SHOWING MENTAL OR MORAL STRENGTH TO FACE DANGER, FEAR, OR DIFFICULTY

SYNONYMS: ENDURE, PUT UP WITH, BEAR, WITHSTAND, WEATHER, SUFFER, GO THROUGH; FACE, CONFRONT, DEFY

DAVID ALSO SAID TO SOLOMON HIS SON, "BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS, AND DO THE WORK. DO NOT BE AFRAID OR DISCOURAGED, FOR THE LORD GOD, MY GOD, IS WITH YOU. HE WILL NOT FAIL YOU OR FORSAKE YOU UNTIL ALL THE WORK FOR THE SERVICE OF THE TEMPLE OF THE LORD IS FINISHED. [_1 CHRONICLES 28:20](#)

THEREFORE, MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, STAND FIRM. LET NOTHING MOVE YOU. ALWAYS GIVE YOURSELVES FULLY TO THE WORK OF THE LORD, BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT YOUR LABOR IN THE LORD IS NOT IN VAIN. [_1 CORINTHIANS 15:58](#)

DO NOT BE AFRAID; YOU WILL NOT BE PUT TO SHAME. DO NOT FEAR DISGRACE; YOU WILL NOT BE HUMILIATED. [_ ISAIAH 54:4](#)

FOR THE SPIRIT GOD GAVE US DOES NOT MAKE US TIMID, BUT GIVES US POWER, LOVE AND SELF-DISCIPLINE. [_2 TIMOTHY 1:7](#)

LOVE DEFINITION

Love is both an action and an attitude. It cannot truly exist and be expressed unless the genuine welfare and care of another is its purpose. Love is meant to penetrate every relationship we have. To walk and live in love

requires a steady outward focus on both God and others. In its purest form, it is given while receiving nothing in return. One loves with no reward or return expected. It is selfless, unwavering, persistent, pursuant, and always overcomes. Love is the most powerful change agent in the world, and therefore worthy of our study and devotion to living it out like Jesus.

Study the "What is Love?" handout in the Brave Love toolkit for further study on Love and all that it entails.

THE 1 CORINTHIANS 13 SUMMARY OF LOVE IS THIS:

Love is:

- Patient
- Kind
- Rejoices in truth
- Bears up under all problems / Protects
- Believes / Trusts
- Hopes
- Understands the of faults of others
- Never fails / Perseveres

Love isn't:

- Envious
- Proud
- Boastful
- Inappropriate / Rude
- Selfish
- Short-tempered
- Evil
- Accepting of sin

JESUS SAID, "BY THIS ALL WILL KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES, IF YOU HAVE LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER. [_JOHN 13:35](#)

ONE OF THEM, AN EXPERT IN THE LAW, TESTED HIM WITH THIS QUESTION: "TEACHER, WHICH IS THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT IN THE LAW?" JESUS REPLIED: "'LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.' THIS

IS THE FIRST AND GREATEST COMMANDMENT. AND THE SECOND IS LIKE IT: 'LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' ALL THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS HANG ON THESE TWO COMMANDMENTS."

[_MATTHEW 22:35-40](#)

SO IN EVERYTHING, DO TO OTHERS WHAT YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO TO YOU, FOR THIS SUMS UP THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS. [_ MATTHEW 7:12](#)

IF ANYONE HAS MATERIAL POSSESSIONS AND SEES HIS BROTHER IN NEED BUT HAS NO PITY ON HIM, HOW CAN THE LOVE OF GOD BE IN HIM? [_1 JOHN 3:17-18](#)

PROJECT DEFINITION

• a project is a series of tasks that need to be completed in order to reach a specific outcome.

• a task or problem engaged in usually by a group of students to supplement and apply classroom studies

• a project is a temporary endeavor undertaken to create a unique product, service or result.

• an individual or collaborative enterprise that is carefully planned and designed to achieve a particular aim.

AND LET THE BEAUTY OF THE LORD OUR GOD BE UPON US, AND ESTABLISH THE WORK OF OUR HANDS FOR US; YES, ESTABLISH THE WORK OF OUR HANDS. [_PSALM 90:17](#)

WHATEVER YOU DO, WORK AT IT WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AS WORKING FOR THE LORD, NOT FOR HUMAN MASTERS, SINCE YOU KNOW THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE AN INHERITANCE FROM THE LORD AS A REWARD. IT IS THE LORD CHRIST YOU ARE SERVING.

[_COLOSSIANS 3:23-24](#)

“FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU,”
DECLARES THE LORD, “PLANS TO PROSPER
YOU AND NOT TO HARM YOU, PLANS TO
GIVE YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE.”

[_JEREMIAH 29:11](#)

FOR NO WORD FROM GOD WILL EVER FAIL.

[_LUKE 1:37](#)

WHAT IS A BRAVE LOVE PROJECT?

A BRAVE LOVE PROJECT IS:

- *Centered around meeting the needs of others in a way that demonstrates the love of Jesus*
- *Has a specific goal or aim in mind. You can clearly express to others what you are wanting to do and see happen.*
- *Has a reasonable time period attached to it so that you can see real impact in that timeframe.*
- *Has opportunity for others to join you and leads to an interdependent team working together on the common goal.*

JESUS COOKIES - A BRAVE LOVE EXAMPLE

There was a young woman who went to a large California university that had a well known Greek system and a whole block dedicated to fraternities and sororities. Wild parties would happen there every weekend, particularly Thursday nights, where you could always find drunk students stumbling through the streets, women under the influence being taken advantage of and even people vomiting right on the sidewalk.

Anna was a Junior and she loved Jesus! It bothered her to see so many of her peers looking for love, acceptance and a sense of belonging in all these dark places. She wanted to tell them about the love of God. She had a simple, but brave idea! She and some friends began to gather every Thursday night around 11pm to bake some cookies. They made a sign that said “Jesus Cookies,” grabbed their guitars and hit the Row. They found a place on the

busy party street, passed out the still-warm cookies, sang some songs about God’s love and watched as God began to move. Students enjoying the free cookies would ask about the sign and why they were there. Spiritual conversations began to happen, broken students began to pour out the pain and suffering in their lives, testimonies of God’s love and goodness were shared, people got prayer, and young intoxicated women were helped to get home safely. Anna and her friends were faithful to go every week and soon had a fun reputation as the “Jesus Cookie People” as students would look for them each Thursday night. More believers joined the Jesus Cookie project and when the fall semester ended, everyone agreed to start back up after the Christmas break.

A simple desire to love the lost on Greek Row led to endless love encounters as people were drawn to Jesus through the kindness and bravery of the Jesus Cookie People.

HOW TO DISCOVER YOUR BRAVE LOVE PROJECT

1. AWAKEN TO A NEED

FOR ANYTHING THAT BECOMES VISIBLE IS LIGHT. THEREFORE IT SAYS, “AWAKE, O SLEEPER, AND ARISE FROM THE DEAD, AND CHRIST WILL SHINE ON YOU.

[_EPHESIANS 5:14](#)

From the story of Deborah in Judges 4 & 5, we learn how important it is to pray and ask God to awaken us. Deborah awakened herself only because God helped her see the need (that village life had ceased). She then stirred herself even further. She could have stopped at just seeing the need and grieving with God about it but doing nothing. Instead, God opened her eyes and she continued to awaken herself further, agreeing with what God was showing and asking of her.

Needs are everywhere! On your campus, at your work, in the community, among strangers and friends, with the young and old, those near and far. There are also many types of needs among people: for friendship, evangelism, acts of service, affirmation, provision like food/drink/clothing, discipleship, organization, teaching, leadership, safety, and on and on. There are endless ways to express the love of Jesus through seeing and meeting a need.

Take some time over the next several days to really cry out to God around the following areas:

- Ask God to awaken you in this hour for what He is going to ask you to do.
- Give God your full surrender. Your total 'YES.' Tell Him that you'll obey Him no matter what He asks of you.
- Declare out loud that no personal weakness, lack or excuse disqualifies you. God chooses who He chooses and He delights in using imperfect people to do miraculous things. He is your source of strength, wisdom, favor and strategy. You will stay in a place of dependence on Him.
- Refuse any thought to defer to some other "more qualified" woman to get the job done.
- Ask Him to open your eyes to see a need around you that He is wanting you to serve or reach. Ask Him to give you a first step!

2. TAKE THE FIRST STEP

DO NOT DESPISE THESE SMALL BEGINNINGS, FOR THE LORD REJOICES TO SEE THE WORK BEGIN, TO SEE THE PLUMB LINE IN ZERUBBABEL'S HAND. [_ZECHARIAH 4:10](#)

Most times God only gives us the first step! He doesn't unveil the full plan or even all the outcomes. He simply asks us to listen, hear, and obey. The first step can often seem small and insignificant. Make that phone call. Meet that person. Ask those questions. Gather your friends. Share your faith. Lead a Bible Study. Start volunteering. Do that thing you know He's asking you to do. From there, one step will lead to another and God will begin to unfold His beautiful plan for you and for how He wants you to shine His love.

Meeting the need for the one, will lead to meeting the need for the many. As you go, you'll begin to see or create opportunities for more divine connections to take place, as God begins to blow on the work of your hands and open up new doors.

3. INVITE OTHERS TO JOIN YOU

TWO ARE BETTER THAN ONE, BECAUSE THEY HAVE A GOOD RETURN FOR THEIR LABOR: IF EITHER OF THEM FALLS DOWN, ONE CAN HELP THE OTHER UP. BUT PITY ANYONE WHO FALLS AND HAS NO ONE TO HELP THEM UP. [_ECCLESIASTES 4:9-10](#)

All of us need others! It's easier to sustain and grow in bravery and step out into something new when surrounded by other women who are giving out faith, agreement, encouragement, and championing the first step that God has given you to do. God loves it when we work in team. It's good and necessary to appreciate others' giftings, talents, and perspective and our impact will be greater if we love and serve in greater numbers.

Take others with you for the sake of multiplication. Invite others to see the need God has shown you, and so that they might learn what to do and can carry on to expand the work.