

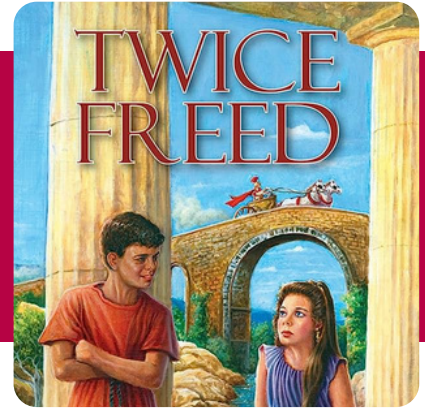
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BOOK REVIEW



TWICE FREED

by Patricia St. John

Twice Freed is an amazing book to read! It is mostly based on Onemius and he is the main character. He is a slave and he wants to be free. Onemius is a very strong character and he doesn't believe in Christ, it is around the time of St Paul the Apostle. I personally loved this book and it is a bit complicated and I would recommend the book from ages 9 to 15. It does get a bit violent and sad and there is a minor amount of torture. There is another character and her name is Eirene and she is a rich merchant's daughter. Onemius mainly wants to be free and have Eirene's love. Throughout his journey to freedom, Onemius first has to gain enough money to be able to get free. He tries to believe in Christ but he does have so much hatred in his heart.

By Epiphany - age 11



SAINT STEPHEN

By John Farah

His story takes place when the number of disciples was growing, and they wanted him to serve for God. Stephen was one of the 7 appointed in the early church in Jerusalem and therefore he was called “Archdeacon”. St Stephen was a young man full of sacrifice, faith, and power. When Stephen came to the Jewish authorities, he started teaching them about Jesus, he testified that the Lord Jesus Christ was the Messiah and fulfilled the ancient prophecies. He denounced the Jews as “betrayers and murderers” of God’s Son.

They said he spoke blasphemy and they threw him into a pit before stoning him. One of the people that stoned Stephen was Saul later known as Paul. Before he died, he knelt and said to the lord ‘do not charge them for this sin’. The body of the holy Protomartyr Stephen, left to be eaten by beasts, was secretly taken up by the Jewish teacher Gamaliel and his son Habib, who buried Stephen on his estate. After this, Stephen became the first martyr. Throughout his life Stephen was a strong man full of the holy spirit and sacrifice. His feast is celebrated on the 1st of Toba and truly he was a man of God.



INTERVIEW



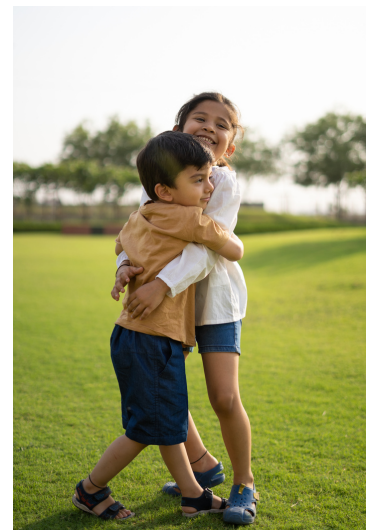
With Fr David by Ava George

Question 1

“Our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active.” 1 John 3:18.

Abouna, could you please help us understand this verse and apply this in our lives?

It is nice when we have feelings of Christian love towards others. We may even tell our mum or dad, siblings or best friends that we love them. But it is even more meaningful when we not only tell people that we love them, but we show them our Love for them in our actions. When we treat people with Christian love and kindness they can see Jesus in us. This is very pleasing in God’s eyes.



Question 2

Abouna, I have heard this saying before: 'When we step out in love, we become someone else's hope.' How do you think we can do this?

Many people around us may be feeling sad or troubled at times. We too may feel helpless or hopeless if we've had a particularly challenging week. When we have Jesus inside us, and we step out in the world each morning in love, we give Christ's hope to everyone we meet that day. Let us all step out in Christ's love everyday so that we can share God's love and hope to the whole world. This reminds me of the beautiful words we hear abouna say in the liturgy when we describe our Lord saying, "You are the help of those who seek Your refuge, You are the hope of those who cry unto You"

Question 3

Mother Teresa once said, "We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love." How can we do this every day, Abouna?

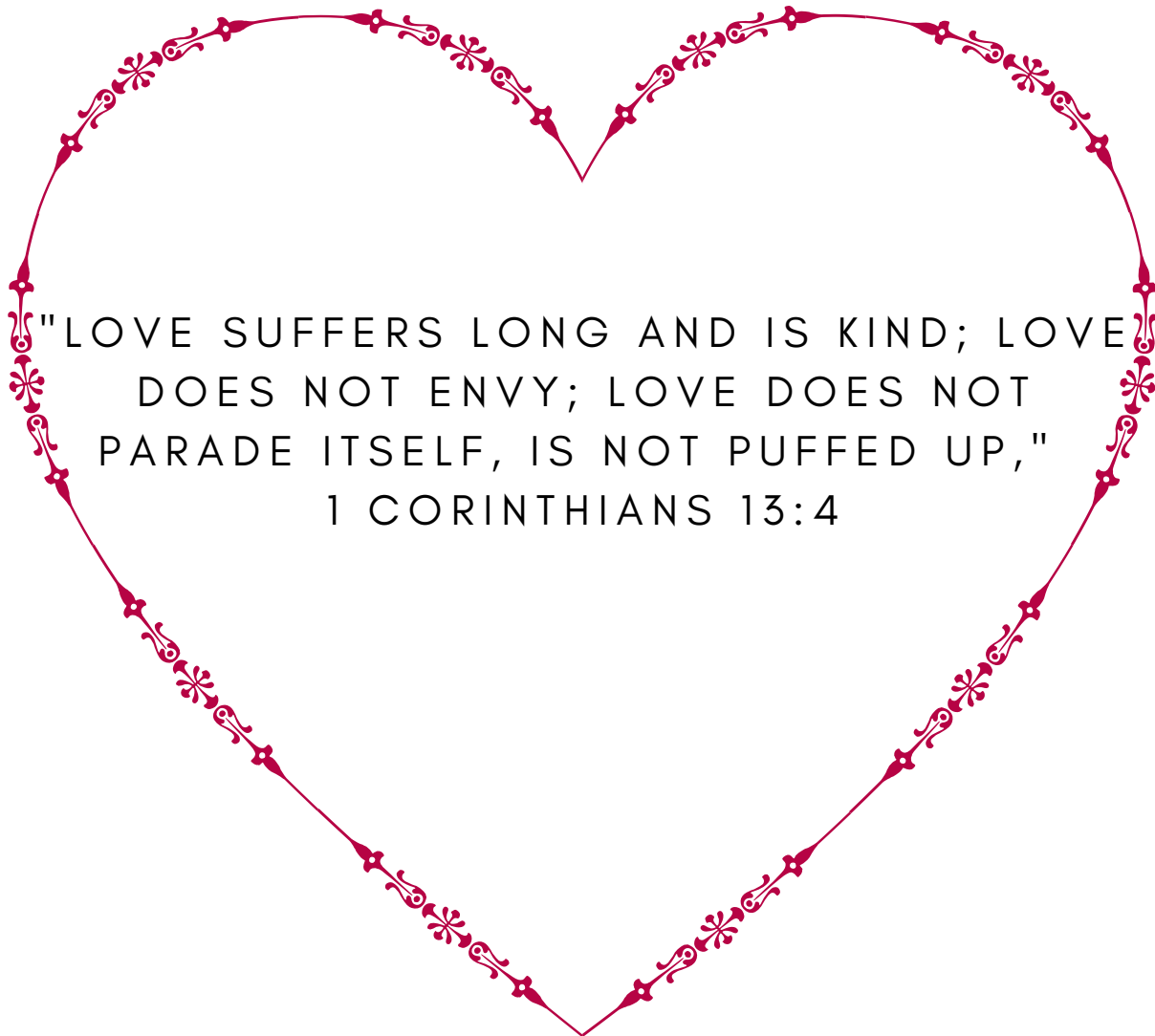
The best way to do this is to focus on doing everything we can in love. I heard a funny saying once:

Q: How do you eat an elephant?

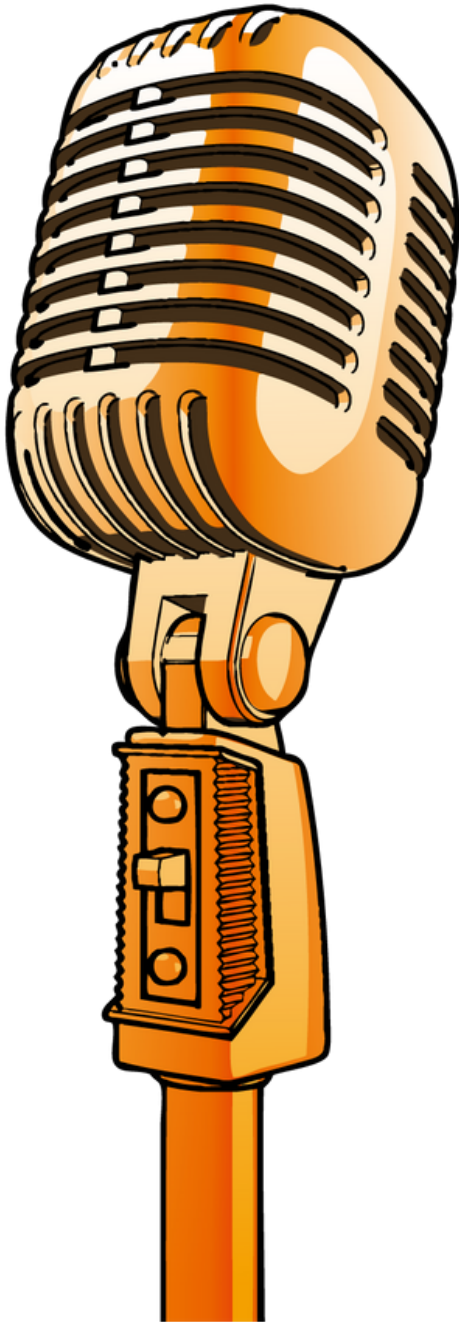
A: One bite at a time.

So how can we do small things with great love?... one action at a time. Try your best to do every little thing you do with great amounts of Gods love. I find the mnemonic WWJD a very helpful tool to achieve this. Always remember to ask yourself each day: What Would Jesus Do?

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