

## Part 8

# The Dwarf and the Tragedian

Matthew 25:23 His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant... Come and share your master's happiness!"

1 Corinthians 13:1-7

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. 4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.



"What we called love down there was mostly the craving to be loved." Page 125

"The Happy Trinity is her home: nothing can trouble her joy." Page 134

"Either the day must come when joy prevails and all the makers of misery are no longer able to infect it: or else for ever and ever the makers of misery can destroy in others the happiness they reject for themselves." Page 136

**Message notes:**

\_\_\_\_\_ is one of the most manipulative things on the planet.

Love is making others \_\_\_\_\_.

If \_\_\_\_\_ can't make you happy, no man or woman will make you happy.

\_\_\_\_\_ wins, not misery.

Don't refuse to \_\_\_\_\_ the things that will hold you in hell.

**Discussion Questions:**

How has this series affected your outlook on heaven and hell?

Why is self-pity so dangerous?

How does self-pity stop us from being able to love other people? Why is this a problem?

If self-pity most often leads to misery, then why do we continue to walk down that path?

Pastor Jamie said "if Jesus can't make you happy, no man or woman will,"—is that true? How have you seen that at work in your own life?

How can we take steps out of self-pity and into God's joy for us?

How does dealing with our self-pity allow us to "come and share in your master's happiness"?

**Ministry Time Questions:**

Is anyone struggling with self-pity in a specific situation that we can pray for?

Do you feel like no matter the steps that you take, you struggle to connect with God relationally?