

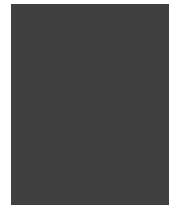


# SERMON NOTES

Week 4 August 7, 2022

“King Richard”

Ephesians 4:2; Philippians 2:3, 2:8;  
Colossians 3:21; I Corinthians 13:4-7



**I. Closing the Opportunity Gap**

A. As children, the Williams sisters didn't have the same opportunities to play tennis that people with more \_\_\_\_\_ had.

B. Christians need to work on closing the opportunity \_\_\_\_\_.

**II. Humility**

A. Venus Williams quickly finds \_\_\_\_\_ in junior's tennis tournaments.

B. \_\_\_\_\_ is a core Christian value.

**III. Love is Patient**

A. Richard has some very strange ways of parenting. But one of the things that is clear is that he \_\_\_\_\_ his girls.

B. Love chooses to move at the other person's \_\_\_\_\_, rather than requiring them to move at ours.

**IV. Love Protects**

A. Venus tells her coach that she wants to turn \_\_\_\_\_. Richard reluctantly agrees, but later reneges.

B. Between social media and friends, it's hard to know how to \_\_\_\_\_ without being overly protective.

**V. Love is Kind**

A. The Williams family collectively agrees to \_\_\_\_\_ the Nike offer to Venus of \$3 million.

B. Kindness - loaning someone your \_\_\_\_\_ rather than reminding them of their weakness.

***Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message***

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# ASBURY DAILY STUDY GUIDE *August 8-13, 2022*

## INTRODUCTION

Armed with a clear vision and a brazen 78-page plan, Richard Williams is determined to write his daughters, Venus and Serena, into history. Training on the neglected tennis courts of Compton, California - rain or shine - the girls are shaped by their father's unyielding commitment and their mother's balanced perspective and keen intuition, defying the seemingly insurmountable odds and prevailing expectations laid before them.

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### Monday: Luke 9:46-48

Jesus did not specifically mention children in Matthew 25:37-40, but he clearly signaled the importance of caring for all who are hungry, thirsty, naked, a stranger, sick and in prison. And he added that whatever we do to help "one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine," we do for him. Now as then, children are often "the least of these." How does Jesus' parable, along with today's Scripture shape how you can close the opportunity gap for a child?

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### Tuesday: Philippians 2:5-8; Ephesians 4:2, Philippians 2:3

What would it look like for you to have the same mindset as Jesus in your relationships with others? What does pride masquerade as in you: confidence, intelligence, fashion, sarcasm, a commitment to excellence, something else?

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### Wednesday: I Corinthians 13:4-7

Which of these characteristics of love stands out to you? Why? Did your parents demonstrate any of these characteristics to you when you were growing up? Which ones?

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### Thursday: Colossians 3:12-17

In this passage, the Apostle Paul is instructing a new community of Christians how to treat each other. He says that we should clothe ourselves with the virtue of kindness. In his sermon, Pastor Eric said kindness is loaning someone your strength rather than reminding them of their weakness. Were your parents more inclined to loan you their strength or remind you of your weaknesses? As a parent, which one are you more inclined to do?

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### Friday: Ephesians 4:21-33

Verse 21 is the key to everything Paul says in this passage. We are to mutually submit to one another. In other words, we should put the other persons needs ahead of our own. Growing up, would you say your home was characterized by mutual respect and honor? What about your current family?

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## MOVING FORWARD

Like all of us, Richard Williams had strengths and flaws in his character. But one thing you cannot criticize him for is his love of his children. His love demonstrates a few of the virtues that the Apostle Paul instructs us about love. Love is patient – we choose to move at the other persons pace and not require them to move at ours. Love protects – we always look out for the best interest of our children even if they don't agree. Love is kind – we loan someone our strength rather than reminding them of their weakness. What is one characteristic of love that you can demonstrate to someone this week?

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*Answers to the sermon notes: IA) resources, B) gap. IIA) success, B) Humility. IIIA) loved, IIIB) pace. IVA) pro, B) protect. VA) decline, B) strength.*