

A white rectangular card is centered in the image, surrounded by a dense field of vibrant red rose petals. The petals are scattered around the card, creating a romantic and affectionate atmosphere. The card has a slightly distressed or torn edge effect.

I

Love

You



I LOVE YOU

John 15:9-12 9 "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. 10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. 11 These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. 12 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.



I LOVE YOU

We are becoming less personal

- **Cars with air conditioning**
- **Email / Fax / Text / IM / Facebook / Twitter**
- **Boy in military / wrote to girl everyday**
- **Why do we hesitate to express our love for each other?**





I LOVE YOU

Why do we fail to say it?

- **Fear**
 - **Rejection, spurned**
 - **2 Corinthians 12:15 And I will very gladly spend and be spent for your souls; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I am loved.**
 - **You might laugh at me**



I LOVE YOU

Why do we fail to say it?

- **Fear**
 - **Express emotion = vulnerable**
 - **Reject me / laugh at me – I have nothing else to offer you**



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Why do we fail to say it?

- **Low Self-Esteem**

- **John 21:15-17**

- **Jesus – Peter, do you love me?**

- **Peter – We are good friends.**

- **If I don't love myself, I can not express love to others.**



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Why do we fail to say it?

- Embarrassment

- 2 John 1:1-2 1 The Elder, To the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all those who have known the truth, 2 because of the truth which abides in us and will be with us forever:
- Grown adults / telling your parents



I L O V E Y O U

Why do we fail to say it?

- **Not enough time**
 - Love does not happen instantly
 - Love is not a hole you “fall into”
 - Love at first sight – not true love
 - True love takes time to grow, develop, deepen, know for sure



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Why do we fail to say it?

- Talking trivia
 - Many talk – but don't say anything
 - Politicians – flap gums – no content
 - Matthew 5:2 Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying



I L O V E Y O U

Why do we fail to say it?

- Talking trivia
 - Levels of communication
 - 1 – Wal Mart check out – hot today, rain tomorrow, this line is sure slow



I L O V E Y O U

Why do we fail to say it?

- **Talking trivia**
 - **Levels of communication**
 - **1 – Wal Mart check out**
 - **2 – Share information – I heard there was an accident on I-40, Did you hear about the plane crash?**



I L O V E Y O U

Why do we fail to say it?

- **Talking trivia**
 - **Levels of communication**
 - **1 – Wal Mart check out**
 - **2 – Share information**
 - **3 – Views of others – Some believe this is a bad thing; Many are complaining**
 - **Source cited sometimes**



I L O V E Y O U

Why do we fail to say it?

- **Talking trivia**
 - **Levels of communication**
 - **1 – Wal Mart check out**
 - **2 – Share information**
 - **3 – Views of others**
 - **4 – My Opinion – I think, I feel, I wish, I told them it was a bad idea**



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Why do we fail to say it?

- Talking trivia
 - Levels of communication
 - 5 – ME – My Feelings – I am _____.
 - I feel can mean – I think (opinion)
 - I am = This is my emotion, feeling
 - If you can not get to level 4 or 5 you can not express love.



I L O V E Y O U

Why do we fail to say it?

- **Out of Touch**

- How do you feel about _____ ?
- Not sure? Can't express?
- Often we say “I don't care” - When we really do but fail to express it.



I L O V E Y O U

Why do we fail to say it?

- **Big Boys Don't Cry**
 - “He's all boy.” = fight, mischief, dirty, aggressive
 - **NEVER** – tender affection, love, gentleness, kindness
 - **Message** – boys must avoid tenderness, compassion, sentiment



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IT TAKES PRACTICE

- **JESUS – John 15:12 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.**
- **PAUL – 2 Corinthians 12:15 And I will very gladly spend and be spent for your souls; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I am loved.**

I
YOU

A large, solid red heart is positioned between the letter 'I' and the word 'YOU'.