



His love for you

What do you do when you experience set back, failure in your life? Where do you run and what or who do you lean on? Life will happen and bad things will happen to good people just as good things happen to bad people. How do you pull through? How do you rise back? How do you rebound?

People will attack and criticize whatever you do, especially if you are making a difference. I like to say it this way, if you dare make a difference or think into the future, you will be misunderstood, criticized, ridiculed, persecuted, and sabotaged.

Well, here is a basic truth that I want to share with you—The love of God.

The love of God is one of the most powerful revelations and experiences you can lean on and need to revisit during any challenges, hardships, storms, or hardships you will ever experience. It will keep you afloat and keep you encouraged and strengthened no matter what happens to you.

Romans 8:37-39 *Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. [38] For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, [39] Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

- a) You need to be persuaded of His love for you. It says, “we are more than conquerors through **Him that loved us.**” Notice it does say ***through Him we loved but LOVED US!***
 - i) When you know and receive a revelation of His love for you, you become more than a conqueror.
- b) You will go through hardships. One of the common things that hardships, disappointments, sufferings, difficult times, fear, condemnation (Romans 8:34) will whisper to you is **that the Lord does not love you.** Not true!

- i) These negative things want to achieve one major thing—**separate you from the love of God**—that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. Therefore, you need to arm yourself with passages like these. Don't let anything come in between His love for you and you.
- c) For you to be convinced that God is for you, and no one can be against you (Romans 8:31), you need to arrive to a place where you know and believe His love for you, not your love for Him. Notice it said, “through Him that loved us.”
- d) You need to get fully persuaded. Graduate from simply believing to being persuaded, then fully persuaded. You need to be convinced and begin to live out of your convictions, but the most important conviction you need day in, and day out is that “you can only become a more than a conqueror with the revelation of His love for you—remember “through Him that loved us.”

If you have not noticed, this is not as good as it gets. This is just earth, and we are just pilgrims. We are just passing through.

Not based on your goodness

For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. 4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, 5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

—Titus 2:3-5

- a) We need to be reminded of His love for you—not because of how good we are, but despite of everything. His love for us is not based on our Performance. It has never been. It is simply based on your faith in Jesus. You need to recall this.
- b) The love of God for you never fluctuates. It's ever consistent and never failing.
- c) God's love for us cannot be earned or deserved. It is a gift. It is NOT given based on performance. Even on our best day, we still come short, and we should not be trying to earn anything from God. We do not deserve His love for us. Sometimes when things are going for you, it looks like you deserve it, but you have not.
- d) If you think you do, then once you screw up, you will walk in condemnation and guilt. You need to detach your performance from His love for you. He loved you before you ever performed. His love appeared before your performance, and you can rest assured it will continue. Thank You, Jesus. Hallelujah!

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

—1 John 4:10

- a) Herein is love—in other words, this is love. Love is truly defined from the greater to the lesser or by the greater to the lesser.
- b) From God to man, from a father to a child etc. You can argue that the other way is also true, though, this is even truer.
- c) 1 John 4:16-19 *And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. 17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. 19 We love him, because he first loved us.*
 - i) You need to know, believe, and receive God's love for you. If you are not grounded in the love of the Father for you, you will not be stable. You will fall apart as life come at you.
 - ii) Through His love for us, we got an understanding of what loves looks like and ought to be. We had no clue ABOUT LOVE. God initiated love to all of us. We had no clue what love was.