**GOD’S LOVE SHOULD CHANGE YOU….**

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God’s love changes us in so many ways. What a blessing it is when we recognize those ways!

THE MOST POWERFUL QUESTION I WAS PRESENTED WITH THIS WEEK AND I PRESENT TO EACH OF YOU IS:

**ARE YOU LIVING LOVED…LIKE GOD LOVES YOU?**

**HOW ARE YOU DOING IT?**

Lovingkindness is God’s commitment love for you. His lovingkindness is his love for you that goes beyond your response. Lovingkindness is God’s, loyal love. It is his determined love that shows mercy and forgiveness. He has a committed love for you.

“For the mountains may be removed and the hills may shake, but My lovingkindness will not be removed from you, and My covenant of peace will not be shaken,” says the Lord who has compassion on you.” – Isaiah 54:10

**MAKE THESE CONFESSIONS TO YOURSELF:**

* God has a committed love for me.
* I can count on His love, no matter what happens in life.
* Even when I am unfaithful, God’s love for me doesn’t change.
* God’s love for me will never change, never fail, and never end.

The points of emphasis this week, regarding God’s love are:

1 UNDERSTANDING

2 THE REMNANT

3 BECOMING GREATER

4 PROMISE(S)

5 COUNTED

**1 HAVE YOU FULLY UNDERSTOOD YOUR PURPOSE?**

Romans 10:18-19

1. But I ask, have the people of Israel **actually heard** the message? Yes, they have: “The message has gone throughout the earth, and the words to all the world.”
2. But I ask, **did the people of Israel really understand?** Yes, they did, for even in the time of Moses, God said, “I will rouse your jealousy through people who are not even a nation. I will **provoke your anger** through the foolish Gentiles.”

**2 HAS GOD KEPT YOU AS A REMNANT?**

Romans 11:3-6 (NLT)

1. “LORD, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars. I am the **only one left**, and now they are trying to kill me, too.”
2. And do you remember God’s reply? He said, “No, **I have 7,000 others** who have never bowed down to Baal!”
3. **It is the same today**, for a few of the people of Israel have **remained faithful because of God’s grace**—his undeserved kindness in choosing them.
4. And since it is through God’s kindness, then it is not by their good works. For in that case, God’s grace would not be what it really is—free and undeserved.

**3 BELIEVE GOD FOR GREATER**

Romans 11:11-12 (NLT)

1. Did God’s people stumble and fall **beyond recovery**? Of course not! They were disobedient, so **God made salvation available to the Gentiles**. But he wanted his own people to become jealous and claim it for themselves.
2. Now if the Gentiles were enriched because the people of **Israel turned down God’s offer of salvation**, think how much **greater a blessing** the world will share when they finally accept it.

**4 REMEMBER THE PROMISE**

Romans 11:17-20 (NLT)

1. But some of these **branches** from Abraham’s tree—some of the people of Israel—have been broken off. And you Gentiles, who were branches from **a wild olive tree**, have been **grafted in**. So now **you also receive the blessing God has promised** Abraham and his children, sharing in the rich nourishment from the root of God’s special olive tree.
2. But **you must not brag** about being grafted in to replace the branches that were broken off. You are just a branch, not the root.
3. “Well,” you may say, “those branches were broken off to make room for me.”
4. Yes, but remember—those branches were broken off because they didn’t believe in Christ, and you are there because you do believe. **So don’t think highly of yourself**, but fear what could happen.

**5 DON’T COUNT ANYONE OUT**

Romans 11:25

1. I want you to **understand this mystery**, dear brothers and sisters, so that you will not feel proud about yourselves. Some of the people of Israel have hard hearts, but this will last only until the **full number of Gentiles** **comes to Christ**.