

Visitation of Love

God says, *"I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with My loving kindness"* (Jeremiah 31:3).

Yesterday morning, I woke up singing an old song by Vineyard Worship Music, with vocals by Wendy Whitehead (The Lord is Gracious & Compassionate). As I laid there singing this song over and over in my head, I felt overwhelmed by His unexpected loving presence. I knew He was doing something unexpected within me as His rich, gracious, compassionate love continued washing over me like the waves of a peaceful surf. As I laid there, time seemed to stand still as His love, goodness and indulgent nature poured upon me.

As the day went on, I pondered (and cherished) my unexpected encounter with Him. It wasn't until later that I realized that He wanted me to share this with you because He desires to touch all His creation in unexpected ways and this means you! He wants to bathe you in His extravagant love.

The American Heritage Dictionary defines love as "an intense affection for another person." His love is for you is as unending and it is gentle, deep, boundless, immeasurable, infinite and eternal. His love towards you is unmeasured and so rich and so absolutely perfect. He is so affectionate with His love towards you.

"In this was manifested the love of God toward you, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that you might live through Him" (1 John 4:9).

Today's message is all about God and how much He loves you. Love is not only one of His fundamental character traits, love is His very being (1 John 4:8). God defines love as in the act of giving (John 3:16). Love is something He chooses to do and give. It is the very essence of who He is. Remember, He chose you in Him before the foundations of the world (Ephesians 1:4-5).

If you look closely, throughout the Bible you find there are no conditions placed on God's love for you. His love for you is unconditional and not based upon you meeting certain conditions. He is so lenient, patient, forbearing and sympathetic towards you. He has removed all your transgressions to a place where He cannot see them. He made a way to keep you close to Him. All He sees is you and He loves you so much!

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

He wants to do something unexpected in you. He wants you to saturate you in His love. He cherish's you and He is so responsive towards you always! He has such deep love and concern towards you. He is not unsympathetic to your struggles or concerns. He understands you. He created you. His eye is upon you. His love is covering you and He has such an unfathomable compassion towards you. He

longs to soothe those hurts, heal your disappointments and bring you into a better place in Him. There's nothing that exists that can ever affect the fact that God loves you. He always has, He always does, and He always will.

“Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved you, and hath given you everlasting consolation and good hope through grace” (2 Thessalonians 2:16).

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Here are a few chapters throughout the Bible describing ways of God's love
Psalms 103, John 15, and 1 John 4.

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