

GOD IS *committed* TO LOVING YOU



FEBRUARY 2019

This month, lots of people will celebrate Valentine's Day. Traditionally, people do all kinds of romantic things as an expression of love during this time. For some it will be a joyful time, but for others, it may not be. It's not uncommon for people to become sad, lonely, and depressed around Valentine's Day. Why? Because they are single and longing to be in a relationship, or they're in a bad relationship, and are ready to call it quits. It can only make you wonder what the root issue is.

Could it be that most people experience negative emotions during this time because their hope to find true love has gone unfulfilled? What happens when hope is disappointed? The Bible says, "Hope deferred makes the heart sick ..." (Proverbs 13:12, The Amplified Bible).

There are many heartsick people in the world today. If this is your situation, you don't have to remain heartsick anymore. I know a person who mends broken hearts, and satisfies longing souls. God is your

heavenly Father, and He loves you with an everlasting love. You simply have to believe and trust in His love.

You see, we all have a desire to be loved. In fact, I believe every human being has four basic needs which are connected to the need to be loved. People have a need for (1) acceptance; (2) identity; (3) security; and (4) purpose.

Our desire for acceptance stems from our need to know that we are loved and needed by others. Our search for identity is based on our need to know we're individually significant and special. We desire security because we want to be well-protected and provided for. In terms of purpose, we want to be assured of our reason for living.

As a born-again Believer, you are the righteousness of God, which means you are in right-standing with Him. The Lord has made up His mind to love you, accept you, validate your identity in Him, protect you, and make sure you fulfill your purpose in

life. You simply have to stand firm in your righteousness, knowing that God really does love you. He wants the best in life for you, including health, finances, family, and relationships.

There are consequences when these basic needs are not met. Unfortunately, as the saying goes, some people "look for love in all the wrong places." Often times, that's how bad relationships develop.

Cultivating an intimate relationship with God must be our number one priority. I believe our heavenly Father is the ultimate source of love, acceptance, identity, security, and purpose. Therefore, our search for love should begin with seeking to develop a truly intimate relationship with God. When we seek Him, we find love, because God is love (1 John 4:16). And when we experience the fullness of His love, we will never go unsatisfied!

That's why it's very important to have confidence in the love God has for you. I strongly believe that once you

have fully developed confidence in His love, worry, doubt, and fear will be eliminated from your life. When you conquer these negative emotions and thoughts once and for all, you will experience the great rewards that confidence brings (Hebrews 10:35).

There are many people who are not receiving the very best the Father has to offer, because of how they perceive Him. Some Christians have the perception that, God is angry with me. He doesn't love me. I keep falling into sin, and I feel like a hypocrite. That's why He's not blessing me.

You can be assured that for God not to love you, or to be angry with you, would be against His nature. He has already established where He stands where loving you is concerned; so, you never have to doubt His love.

When a person doubts God's love, they may have a tendency to make bad decisions concerning their relationships. A relationship can be a bridge that leads you to the will of God for your life, or it can be a ditch that leaves you stranded.

God will never leave you stranded or without hope. As He promised in His Word, "... I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support. [I will] not, [I will] not, [I will] not in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake nor let [you] down (relax My hold on you)! [Assuredly not!]" (Hebrews 13:5, AMPC).

Because of the Lord's commitment to love you, commit yourself to honoring your relationship with Him. Start by making a quality decision not to live

in condemnation. Be sure to guard against negative thoughts concerning God and His love. Meditate on the Word of God daily, making what the Word says about you, and the Father's love toward you, the final authority.

Regardless of the mistakes or bad decisions you may have made, don't hold on to any feelings of guilt. Condemnation and guilt stem from fear, and according to 1 John 4:18, there is no fear in love. Romans 8:35-39 assures you that nothing can ever separate you from God's love. Therefore, there is no need to be afraid of Him, or doubt His commitment to you.

I encourage you to have faith in God's love. It's faith in Him that allows you to become fully persuaded that He will take care of all your needs—physically, emotionally, and so on. Faith in the love of God gives you the confidence to go to Him in prayer about anything, with the assurance that He will not only hear you, but answer you as well (Hebrews 10:22; 1 John 5:14). Faith-filled prayer is never a waste of time.

There may be times when you feel that God has forgotten you, and you may feel like calling it quits. It may be tough, but Believers simply believe in the power of God's love, and in His ability to turn things around. Believers press forward; we don't give up, cave in, or quit. Darkness doesn't last always. Storms don't last always. So expect change!

If you ever find yourself on the brink of breaking down emotionally or mentally, enter your secret place

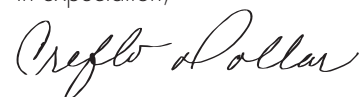
of prayer. There's peace in God's presence, which is the presence of Love Himself. Remember, you have full access to the Father by virtue of your right-standing relationship with Him. So don't neglect spending quality time with Him. Give Him all of you, because He's committed to doing the same.

Taffi and I want you to experience the best in your relationship with God. It hurts our hearts to see Believers struggling in their confidence toward Him, because of doubt and fear. Our desire is to make a difference in your life, especially if you're struggling right now. We're praying for you to be strengthened, and for you to find joy.

If you're experiencing a difficult time right now, and need someone to help stir up your joy, please don't hesitate to give our ministry a call. We're here to stand in agreement with you in prayer. You are not alone.

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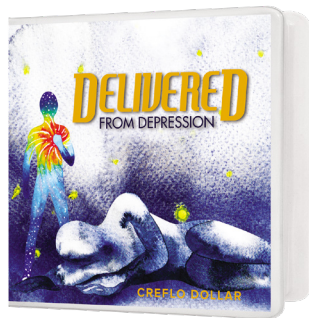
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