

The Father's Love



**A 10-Day Experience in the
Amazing Love of God**

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Hello friend,

I come with the amazing reminder of God's special, unique, personal and permanent love for you.

This 10-day devotional will take you into a refreshing revelation of the love God has for you in a practical, every day way.

Even though I am the human agent that typed out the words, they are inspired by the Holy Spirit, straight from the Father's heart to yours. It's Him speaking directly to you, personally. He'll speak to you even more as you use this devotional, so try to journal your thoughts and understanding.

Be sure of one thing, friend: Even while you're seeking a deeper understanding of the Father's love for you, He's the One who brought you here. He has been seeking you out, wooing you and tugging at your heartstrings. Yes, He's that kind of Lover, and there's always more in Him.

As you use this devotional, I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all of the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

May you live free and true in the knowledge of how much the Father loves you, in Jesus Name. Amen.

Your friend,

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Day 1

Father, how could You even love me? I still do sinful things. I certainly don't deserve the love of God.

You know, I decided to settle this matter of sin and '*deserving my love*' once and for all in verse 8 of Romans 5. My love for you is a choice. When you had zero good in you, I *chose* to love you.

When you were steeped and dead in sin, I gave my Son, Jesus, to die for you. I gave you my very best when you were at your very worst. If I have already given you my best, every other gift is an inferior gift to that best. And if you were at your worst, at ever other stage of your life, you have been better.

You need to understand that before you came into Christ and accepted my salvation, you were not mine. I created you, but by nature you belonged to the devil. Your spiritual state determined everything and so you had zero good in you, regardless of any good thing you were doing.

Even then, I loved you and sought you out, giving my Son as a sin offering for you and giving you my very own Spirit. In essence, I gave you myself (since the Father, Son and Spirit are one). No gift could ever be higher than that.

So, how could I ever stop loving you or withhold things from you because you're not 'good enough'? That's impossible. You're mine, now, and I will always love you.

When you do any sinful thing, you only need to repent and my peace and forgiveness will overwhelm you. Let my love fill your heart, and you will find yourself living more righteously with the help of my Spirit.

Meditate on:

Romans 5:5-10, 1 John 4:9-10, Ephesians 2: 1-7, Colossians 1:13-14, Ephesians 1:13-14

Day 2

Father, sometimes, I wonder if You would love me less if I didn't do enough good works and live righteously.

I love you fully, and there is nothing you could ever do to deserve or to repel the love I have for you. My love for you does not reduce based on what you do or how well you serve me. I gave you everything when you had nothing to offer me. I don't have more love to give you now that you're mine. I gave you everything already.

I want you to do good works because you're inherently good. That's the new nature I put in you. You are like me, you have my DNA, and so you are good, too. I have equipped you for good works and righteousness and I know you have the ability, potential and capacity to do them. I want you to fulfill your potentials for righteousness. But I don't love you less if you don't do good works.

If you stopped praying, studying the Bible, giving, loving and serving others, it wouldn't affect the love I have for you and I wouldn't stop loving you with the same measure that I do now. But if you stopped doing these things, you could get carried away by the distractions of the world and it would affect your response to my love and all I have for you.

Your lifestyle and righteous living may be an indication of how much you respond to my love or trust me. It can affect how you receive my love and all that comes with it. But it has absolutely no bearing on my own love for you. That is constant. I made up my mind to love you and I will not relent.

By the way, I want you to receive my love for you and respond to me. But that is not why I woo you and give you gifts. I do them because I truly love you and I want the ultimate best for you. I give you things whether you reciprocate or not because I love you. I'm not manipulative. I give because I love you, because you need it, because I want you to have the best and I want to preserve you.

Meditate on:

Ephesians 2:8-10, Romans 3:23 & 29, Romans 5:6-8

Day 3

Father, how come I have so many troubles and challenges, even though You love me?

Yes, I love you. Nothing could ever separate you from my love.

You live in a fallen world filled people who have not yielded to me and people whose hearts are evil. For this reason, there will be challenges in this world, and things will not always run smoothly.

The fact that you have challenges, problems or difficulties, big or small, does not mean that I don't love you. The challenges you have may be an indication of *something*. But it is *never* an indication of whether I love you or not, or whether my love has been taken or separated from you.

My love for you has come to stay. I love you permanently, regardless of anything going on with you or around you. Nothing is too powerful, spectacular or dramatic, big enough to remove my love from you. I will always love you.

Do not interpret the presence of negative situations as proof that I have stopped loving you. My love for you can never change.

Part of responding to my love is that you trust that I love you, regardless of whatever you may be going through. Even though you cannot see it with your physical eyes, I am always working on ways to deliver you out of any hardships you may be going through. Never forget that.

Meditate on:

John 16:33, Romans 8:35-39, 1 Corinthians 10:13

Day 4

Father, sometimes I feel really alone during my troubles and challenges. Where are you during these dark periods?

I am always with you. I will never leave you or forsake you. You may feel alone, but you are never alone. And because of my love for you, I am always working something out for you when you have challenges.

Even though I need your trust and your cooperation, I'm not folding my arms waiting for you to help yourself in these situations. Through my Spirit, I am always actively doing *something*.

I'm prompting you to pray, declare and agree with my Word concerning the situation you're going through. I'm leading you to the right people and the right wisdom that you need. I'm inspiring and nudging you to take specific actions. I'm moving people to pray for you. My love is always here for you.

And, you know, even though I'm sovereign, there are spiritual laws guiding the operations of life. For this reason, there is only so much I can do without your faith and cooperation.

This may be a funny analogy, but perhaps it will help you to understand how I need you to trust me and cooperate with me to bring you out of any negative situation you find yourself:

A toddler has a high fever. His mother has the medication that will cure the illness and get rid of the fever. So, she measures it up in a spoon and presents it to him but the toddler refuses to open his mouth. She tries and tries to get him to open his mouth. She holds his nose, pries his lips open and bangs the spoon against his clamped teeth, but he refuses to open his mouth for the medication. In that situation, the best she can do is preserve him as much as possible in other ways like giving him a cool bath, mopping his body and keeping him undressed. These activities may not cure the illness completely, but they will preserve him till when he may cooperate and open his mouth to take the medication which is the real cure.

I am your refuge. I am your place of help. I want you to know that I am always in your corner and I am always doing everything possible to preserve you and bring you out. I just need you to trust me and cooperate with me.

Meditate on:

Psalm 9:9-10, Psalm 46:1-11, Romans 8:28

Day 5

Father, many times, I struggle with understanding how You can know me individually amongst so many of Your children and accept me.

My child, I am God, and I see into the future more than you can imagine or even begin to comprehend. Eternity past and eternity future are between the palms of my two hands. I can look from one end of the spectrum thousands of years ago to the next end, thousands of years to come. I can see each past, present and future inhabitant of the earth at the same time. I know that's mind-blowing, but that's part of why I am God. I have capabilities you couldn't begin to imagine as a human being.

From the foundation of time, I saw you and I chose to love you. I settled my love on you from the beginning of time. That's why I have been chasing you with my love for such a long time.

Before you were formed, I loved you and accepted you individually. I approved of you, acknowledged you, favoured you and affirmed you. I decided in advance to adopt you and love you and this gave me so much pleasure. This is why I came after you and brought you to myself through my Son, Jesus.

Now, you are my child, and I am your Father. And now that you are mine, I'm not letting you go. My Spirit is with you everywhere and all the time. I see you every day and my eyes are always on you, loving you.

Meditate on:

Psalm 33:13-15, Jeremiah 1:5, Ephesians 1:3-6

Day 6

What do you think of me, Father? Am I in your thoughts?

I am always thinking about you. Every single moment I am thinking of you. I am thinking of you right now, this second. I am *mindful* - my mind is full of you. You couldn't count the thoughts I think towards you if you tried. You'd have a better chance of success if you were to count the grains of sand on the seashore.

And the thoughts I have about you are beautiful thoughts. I have thoughts of peace, of beauty, of love towards you. I am bringing you to a good end. I am working out my good pleasure in you. Your life will be amazing, fruitful and effective.

I have BIG plans for you! My plans for you will blow your mind. My plans for you will give you an awesome and beautiful life here on earth and in heaven.

I cannot share the totality of my plans for you with you because you cannot handle the magnitude and enormity of them all at once. I have to reveal them to you step by step and correct your course when you are distracted. You have to stay with me, submit to me and trust me every step of the way. I am working everything out in conformity with the purpose of the beautiful life I have planned for you.

Trust me and walk with me. I've got you.

Meditate on:

Jeremiah 29:11, Psalm 139:1-18

Day 7

What does it mean to be adopted as Your child? Can I really claim to be a child of God, like Jesus, the Son of God?

I adopted you as my child. This means that you have all the benefits, rights and privileges of sonship. I love you as my child.

Can I blow your mind?

The same love that I have for Jesus is the love I have for you. You see, I don't have different kinds or grades of love. The love I have for you is from the essence of who I am.

I love Jesus from my essence and I love you, too, from my essence. And I certainly don't see you as separate from Jesus. If you believe I cannot deny Jesus anything, then you should believe I cannot deny you anything either.

As far as being my child goes, I don't see you as separate from Jesus, actually. You are joint heirs with Him. What he has, you have. He has my love, you have my love. Every blessing, connection, familiarity and relationship that Jesus had or expressed with me and toward me while He was on earth is yours, too.

You are my child the same way that Jesus is my child. He is not in a different, privileged, special class as my child. He is the first born, but you are both heirs of everything, together with all of my other children.

Jesus is your King and your Lord, but He has chosen to share everything with you and you enjoy His rights, privileges and responsibilities. You are my child. And I am your Father.

Meditate on:

Psalms 2: 7 – 8, Ephesians 1:3-6, Romans 8:14-17,

Day 8

You have said that I am Your child and You're my Father. What does it mean for You to be my Father?

You *are* my child. And I love you with the love of a true Father.

It wasn't enough for me to love you from afar. I just had to bring you close and bring you in. I have adopted you as my child, giving you the full rights and privileges that come with sonship. This means that you are my child in every sense of the word.

You are my child, I am your Parent, and I am responsible for you. *You are my responsibility.* Let that sink in for a minute.

I am a true Father and I am alive to my fatherly responsibilities.

I have your best interests at heart. I defend you. I ensure that you're well protected. I look out for you. I provide for you and even bring you gifts. I literally carry you. I ensure you're comfortable. I spend time with you. I listen to you. I teach you and encourage you on the right path. I correct and discipline you when necessary.

You are called by my name. You have my name and my protection.

You are in my care; you are my charge and responsibility. I am answerable for you.

You have access to everything I own, as you need it and you have the right to use my name. You always have unhindered access to me if you need anything at all.

Apart from the fact that you have access to everything I have, you have an actual inheritance from me that has been earmarked and separated for you.

Meditate on:

1 John 3:1, 2 Corinthians 6:18, Psalm 103:13, Galatians 4:4-7

Day 9

Father, do You care about the ordinary, mundane parts of my life? Do You care about my cares and every day concerns?

I care for you like a mother tenderly cares for her baby, like a shepherd cares for his sheep.

You remember when I told you that I love you with the love of a true Father? Well, I am not just your Father; I am also your Mother.

And I love you with the tender, nurturing love of a true mother.

You are my child; and I love and delight in you. I anticipate your needs before they arise and provide them. I give you cuddles, hugs and kisses. I get it when you're not perfect, I know you're still learning and growing. I miss you when we haven't spent time together.

I watch out for you and help you in every way. I care for you when you're not feeling well. I play with you. I don't hold your mistakes against you. My plans for you are always good. I pay attention to you.

I am your number one caregiver. I ensure you're cared for. I hold you when you're sad, hurt or afraid. I would do anything for you. I love you fiercely, passionately and protectively. And I want you to know it.

I care about the intricate details of your life. I care what happens to you, how you're faring and getting along. I care about how you're doing at work and how you're managing your relationships. I care about when you're physically tired and emotionally drained. I care about your finances and your financial obligations. I'm interested in what lights you up and what hurts you.

I always take great care concerning you. I am always working something out for you.

Meditate on:

1 Peter 5:7, Isaiah 49:15-16, Isaiah 43:1-4

Day 10

Father, could You explain the nature of Your love to me? Will it ever change?

My child, let me explain my nature to you. I don't just have love. I *am* love. That is my intrinsic nature. For instance, water doesn't have wetness, it is wet. You can't separate wetness from water. You can't separate love from me. It is who and what I am, through and through.

Everything a person does comes from their nature, and everything I do comes from my nature, which is love. And you can always trust this love. Whenever I speak with you, send experiences your way or do anything for you, you can trust that it is from a place of love.

As far as you are concerned, everything you receive from my hands has love at its root and source. Everything that comes from me to you will always have love at its root. If it doesn't, it is not from me.

Even when you don't always understand things, you can trust that I love you. That is one of the most indisputable and unshakeable truths of the universe.

This means that you can take my love for granted. I love you when you feel like you deserve it and when you feel like you don't. When things look bleak or dark and it seems like the world has turned its back on you, you can rely on my love. My love for you is here to stay and it will not change in any situation or circumstances.

I love you. Permanently.

Meditate on:

1 John 4:16-19, Romans 8:35-39

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