

## DEVELOPING FAITH IN GOD'S LOVE

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### DAY 1 – FAITH IN THE LOVE OF GOD DRIVES OUT FEAR

There is no fear in love! We must know and believe that God is Love and allow His love to develop in us. Praying in the Holy Spirit will strengthen your spirit and sustain you. When the love of God is developed in you, you will not operate in fear but in faith—stopping the work of the enemy in your life.

### STUDY IT

- I. We must know and believe that God is Love and allow His love to develop in us.
  - We must believe and know that God is Love, and His love in us is made perfect as we allow it to develop (1 John 4:8, 16-18).
    - *Perfect* in Greek means “developing.”
  - You must keep yourself in God's love. God is Love, and there's no fear in God.
    - If you have fear, the love of God is not developed in you.
  - It's a command to the Church to walk in love, to love God and to love one another. That must be your way of life. The moment you step out of these, you should repent quickly.
- II. Praying in the Holy Spirit will strengthen your spirit and sustain you.
  - Strengthen yourself in your faith toward God by praying in the Holy Spirit and keeping yourself in love (Jude 20-21).
  - When you pray in tongues you build up your spirit (1 Corinthians 14:4).
    - A strong spirit will sustain you in trouble and in pain (Proverbs 18:14, *AMPC*).
- III. When the love of God is developed in you, you will not operate in fear, but in faith.
  - There is no fear in love.
  - Don't try to manage fear; get rid of it!
    - Fear tolerated is faith contaminated.
    - Fear weakens the spirit, soul and body.
  - There is no fear in love, but perfect or developed love casts out fear.
  - You are born of God, and you have the tools to keep yourself in love. Then the devil cannot steal, kill or destroy you (John 10:10).
    - In the life of Job, there was only one temptation to sin, which was to curse God (Job 2:5).



- God doesn't want you to have any fear, because He does not want you to be tormented.
  - God does not destroy or torment—satan does that.
  - Fear gives satan a place to operate in your life.
- The devil cannot touch you without using fear.
- God cannot do anything for you without your faith.
- Fear is having faith in the wrong thing.
- Jesus instructed Jairus to believe only and to not fear (Luke 8:41-50).

Additional scriptures: James 1:5-6; 1 Corinthians 12:9; Matthew 22:37-39; John 13:34;  
1 John 5:18; Hebrews 6:18; Mark 6:4-6

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Ask God to reveal to you where you are managing fear instead of getting rid of it. Write your declaration that you will speak to fear to command it to leave you in Jesus' Name.

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### DAY 2 – THE GOD KIND OF LOVE BRINGS THE BLESSING

God is Love. As you love God and others, the love of God is perfected in you. The God kind of love is different than the world's love. Walking in God's love brings THE BLESSING into your life.

### STUDY IT

- I. God is Love. As you love God and others, the love of God is perfected in you.
  - Many years ago, Kenneth said he didn't believe love was real, which meant he didn't believe God was real. Right after he said that, he met Gloria, and all his thinking changed. He fell in love!
  - God is Love. Believe in the love of God, and you will believe in God (1 John 4:8).
  - You must love The LORD your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and love others, too (Matthew 22:37-39).
  - If we love one another, God dwells in us, and His love is perfected in us.
  - As you begin to love, you are renewing your mind to the love of God.
  - Exchange the word *God* with the word *Love* as you read 1 John 4:16.
  - We cannot mentally grasp that God is Love, so we must use faith in His love.
  
- II. The God kind of love is different than the world's love.
  - Don't love the things of the world (1 John 2:15).
    - Don't love "things." It's good to have things, but save your love for God and other people.
  - Love involves the compassion of God. Jesus saw people needing a shepherd. He was fully developed in compassion (Matthew 9:35-36).
    - Your compassion requires that you understand the difference between liking something and loving people.
  - The love of money is the beginning, or root, of all kinds of evil (1 Timothy 6:10).
  - Paul told those who were wealthy not to be high-minded. Money doesn't make you better than anyone else. Having money allows you to distribute, to give. Your giving will increase your substance (1 Timothy 6:17).
    - God's love gives you all things to enjoy, and those things meet your needs and wants (Psalm 23:1).



- God gives you all sufficiency for all things. He wants you to look to Him as your only Source (2 Corinthians 9:8).

III. Walking in God's love brings THE BLESSING into your life.

- Those who are born again can overcome the world (1 John 5:4).
- The children of Israel didn't believe God loved them. Even though they were covenant people, they didn't trust the covenant or God (Numbers 14:1-3).
- We must turn our thinking to believe God's WORD above all else, and we will receive THE BLESSING.

Additional scriptures: James 3:16; Ephesians 4:26-27; Romans 10:17; John 13:34;  
1 John 4:9-16, 2:15; Philippians 4:19; Psalm 37:25, 34:10

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Repeat this confession from Brother Copeland:

*I believe the love. I have faith in God's love. Love never works ill to his neighbor; so, how could God work ill to me? He is Love.*





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### DAY 3 – THE LOVE OF GOD BRINGS COVENANT POWER

God has a love-covenant with you that He takes very seriously! He wants to meet your needs and give you the desires of your heart, but you must learn to trust His love. It was Love (God) who created the heavens and the Earth, and it was Love (God) who made a way for you to be forgiven from sin. Everything God says and does is from a place of love because He is Love.

### STUDY IT

- I. Because God loves you, He wants to meet your needs and give you the desires of your heart.
  - God will meet your needs and your wants. If you seek The LORD, you will not lack any good thing (Psalm 34:7-10).
  - Jesus is the great Shepherd, and when we depend on Him, we will not want (Psalm 23:1).
  - Paul wrote Timothy to tell those who are rich not to be high-minded but be ready to distribute because God gives us richly things to enjoy (1 Timothy 6:17).
  - God will do good things for anyone who will believe (Psalm 118).
  
- II. You must learn to trust God, and the power of His love.
  - The children of Israel didn't believe that God loved them (Numbers 14:1-3).
  - We must take steps to believe God loves us:
    1. Trust God.
    2. Trust God's WORD.
    3. Trust God's Name and the integrity of His character.
    4. Trust Jesus' blood that ratified God's covenant.
    5. Trust God's love and mercy.
  
- III. God made a way for you to be forgiven from sin, so He could bless you.
  - God forgave your sin for His sake and yours (Isaiah 43:25).
    1. He didn't want to remember the sins of His children.
    2. If God remembered your sin, He couldn't bless you.
    3. It takes faith to please God, and faith works by love (Galatians 5:6).
    4. We forgive by faith, so it is given through the gift of grace.



- Unconditional, undeserved love (that is grace) assures you that you don't get the punishment you deserve.
5. God is able to treat us as if sin had never happened.
- IV. It was Love (God) who created the heavens and the Earth, and Love (God) sent Jesus to redeem mankind once Adam sinned.
- In the beginning was The WORD, and The WORD was Jesus (John 1:1-3).
  - In the beginning Love created the heavens and the Earth with His words, "Let there be...." Love spoke and displayed Himself in the act of Creation (Genesis 1:1).
  - Adam and Eve had a perfect world, but they didn't trust God's love. They disobeyed the one command God gave them.
  - God didn't create cancer or any other device of the devil. Sickness, disease and sin came through the curse on the Earth.
  - The moment man failed, Love immediately set in motion the plan of redemption.
  - God gave everything to get man back, and get THE BLESSING back to man.
- V. Everything God says and does is from a place of love, because God is Love. He has a love-covenant relationship with His people that He takes very seriously.
- Depend on and believe the love of God.
  - We obey God, and that obedience puts us in a position to receive THE BLESSING that His love provides.
  - Just like a parent loves his children and wouldn't do them harm, God loves us, and He will not do us any harm.
    - There is a difference between mental assent and belief. Faith is not of the mind, it is of the spirit.
  - You can't do anything to cause God to stop loving you.
  - Everything God does and says is love.
  - God loves every person; yet if necessary, He will protect His covenant people, who cry out to Him, from harm.
    - A love-covenant relationship is serious.

Additional scriptures: Hebrews 11:6; Romans 4:16; Matthew 22:37-39; 1 John 4:21

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Prayer to be born again for you or a friend:

*O God in heaven, I believe with all my heart Jesus has been raised from the dead just for me. Take my life and do something with it. I repent of sin. I renounce the devil and everything he stands for. Fill me with Your precious Holy Spirit. I receive Him by faith. I receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, speaking with other tongues. I expect it right now. It belongs to me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

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### DAY 4 - YOU CAN'T FAIL WHEN YOU WALK IN LOVE

You can't fail when you walk in love! Learn to trust in God's plan, and develop a high reverence for His love. God loves you just as much as He loves Jesus. You have been born-again from God's love, and your renewed spirit enables you to bear fruit, operate in the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and walk fearlessly in love.

### STUDY IT

- I. You can't fail when you trust God's plan, because He is always trying to help you.
  - Kenneth Copeland wanted to attend Oral Roberts University, but saw no way financially. He thought he was trusting God, but he wasn't.
  - Don't lean toward your own understanding, but believe and trust God's love (Proverbs 3:5-6).
  - The flowing brook in Arkansas is like the Holy Spirit. You can watch, or you can get in and flow with Him toward the outpouring, toward grace. He is always moving to bless and empower you.
  - God always has the best plan. He's not trying to hurt you, He's trying to help you.
  - God created everything as the outward expression of His love.
  
- II. Develop a high reverence for God's love.
  - Seek to understand the meaning of the word *love*.
  - Paul told Timothy to tell those who are rich not to be high-minded, but be ready to give. God gives us all things to enjoy (1 Timothy 6:17).
  - Seek first the kingdom of God, the kingdom of love, and all these things will be added to you (Matthew 6:33)
  - Satan wants to divert your attention from God's love. He lies about Him and tries to make you curse God and die (Job 2:9).
    - All sin came after man's union with satan as a result of satan's absolute hatred for man and God.
  
- III. God loves you just as much as He loves Jesus. You are not only filled with God's love, you have been born of that love.
  - As Jesus is, so are we in this world (1 John 4:18).



- We have the mind of Christ. The same anointing that led Jesus' mind can lead our minds (1 Corinthians 2:16).
- Let the mind of Christ be in you. Jesus didn't think it was robbery to be equal to God, and we have been put in the same place. You're not taking away from the deity or majesty of God (Philippians 2:5).
  - To be put in this place, we had to be born again in the image of Jesus.
  - We were not just filled with God's love, we're born of that love!
- Jesus prayed that the Father would reveal to the world that He loved believers as much as He loved Jesus (John 17:23).
  - We were born of the Spirit, born of The WORD, born of the Spirit of love, born of The WORD of love, and re-created into the likeness of Love.

IV. You have a born-again spirit that enables you to bear fruit, operate in the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and walk fearlessly in love.

- Our inner man already has the fruit of the spirit.
  - That fruit must grow and become dominate in our thinking, until it is exhibited in our lives (Galatians 5:22-23).
- The more you talk about God being Love, confess it with your mouth, and practice it, fear gets flushed out of your heart. Then love, joy, peace, long-suffering or patience, faithfulness, gentleness, and goodness can begin working in your life.
- Without the love of God, the gifts of the Holy Spirit will not work correctly (1 Corinthians 12:8-11).
- When you were born again, your spirit man was totally re-created. That's how these things work in you. Your spirit has been born again (1 Corinthians 13:1-8).
  - Love is kind, and so are we. Love does not envy, is not jealous, is not proud or puffed up, and neither are we.
  - Love rejoices in the truth, bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things.
  - Love never fails, and neither do we when we walk in love and walk in God's commandments.
  - We have no fear, because we have faith in God and His love.

Additional scriptures: 1 John 4:8, 15-18; Genesis 1:1; Galatians 5:6; Psalm 118;  
Romans 10:9-10

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Write 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 inserting your name, instead of the word *charity*.

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### DAY 5 – MOUNTAIN-MOVING FAITH IS FUELED BY LOVE

Putting faith and trust in God's love fuels your faith. Believe in your heart and speak with your mouth, and you will move mountains! Allow the love of God to perfect you in love—spirit, soul and body.

#### STUDY IT

- I. Putting faith and trust in God's love fuels your faith to move mountains.
  - God blessed Kenneth and Gloria with the land, house and pond, and later another little log house.
  - God opened the door for them to be on television in Russia during the Cold War. The WORD of God was preached and communism fell.
  - God will open doors for you, for whatever you need, if you use your faith in His love.
  - God can be trusted; His love can be trusted. God is Love (1 John 4:8).
  - Believe and trust God's love. Renew your mind to believe God's love (1 John 4:16).
  
- II. Faith principles are always the same: believe in your heart and speak with your mouth.
  - Jesus spoke to the tree, and within 24 hours it withered. The disciples noticed (Mark 11:12-21).
  - Jesus said to have the faith of God. You speak, you believe, and it will happen. Remember to forgive yourself and others (Mark 11:22-25).
  - Faith is born in your heart—not the physical pump, that's in your body—in your spirit.
  - Faith works by your belief in your heart and by speaking with your mouth (2 Corinthians 4:13).
  
- III. Let God perfect you in love—spirit, soul and body.
  - You are a three-part being. You are a spirit. You have a soul: a mind, will and emotions. You live in a body.
  - Paul said there is no good thing in our fleshly bodies or selfish desires (Romans 7:18).
  - God wants to make you whole in spirit, soul and body (1 Thessalonians 5:23).
  - It's vital to be born again, because that's the gateway to God's love.
  - Love went to the Cross for you.



- The same man wrote the Gospel of John and First John, and he knew that God loved him (John 13:23-28).
  - In the same way, God loves you, and His love gives you all things.

Additional scriptures: Isaiah 55:8-9; Galatians 5:19-23; 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

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