



LOVE: THE GATEWAY TO SUCCESS

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DAY 1 – THE SOLDIER’S PROMISE OF SUCCESS

Agape, the God kind of love, is the secret to success. The promises found in Psalm 91 are for every person who believes. The soldier’s prayer is Psalm 91. The “Soldier’s Promise” is *the* answer to a combat soldier’s obligation to fight the enemy.

STUDY IT

- I. *Agape*, the God kind of love, is the secret to success.
 - *Agape* is love on purpose. It doesn’t have to do with feelings.
 - God loves because He is Love and Love is good.
- II. The promises found in Psalm 91 are for every person who believes.
 - “He who [lives] in the secret place of the Most High [who is love]” (see Psalm 91:1, *AMPC*).
 - He has faith and He is Love.
 - “...shall remain stable and fixed under the shadow of the Almighty [Shaddai] [Whose power no foe can withstand]” (see Psalm 91:1, *AMPC*).
 - The promises don’t work unless you say something.
 - “I will say of The LORD, He is my Refuge, my Fortress, my God; on Him I lean and rely, and in Him I [confidently] trust! For [then] He will deliver you” (Psalm 91:2-3, *AMPC*).
 - He is Love, and He loves me.
- III. The “Soldier’s Prayer” is Psalm 91.
 - Before Col. Keith Kurber and his troops were sent on a dangerous mission, he taught his unit Psalm 91. Each member memorized it.
 - God BLESSED their faith so that they had no casualties for their two-year deployment.
 - God has placed His love upon *you* and knows your name.
 - He sees you as a covenant man and says, “I’ll keep him and take care of him.”
 - David was the warrior king and saw a lot of combat. He wrote 75 of the Psalms.



- He said, "I will BLESS The LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth" (Psalm 34:1).
- He was in some violent situations, but he kept his mouth from speaking evil.
- He was a man after God's own heart (see Acts 13:22).
- When he made a mistake, he'd fall on his knees and repent. He kept praise in his mouth.
- Goliath, on the other hand, had a nasty mouth. He cursed David.
- David didn't reply with cursing. He said, "I come to you in the Name of The LORD God of Hosts, [LORD Sabaoth,] The LORD of the angelic armies of God" (see 1 Samuel 17:43-45).

IV. The "Soldier's Promise" is *the* answer to a combat soldier's obligation to fight the enemy.

- God sent the children of Israel under Moses to fight their enemies.
 - God made the men a promise: If you will go armed before The LORD to war, and obey Me with every action, word and thought, and drive out the enemy, you will be guiltless before The LORD (see Numbers 32:20-22).
 - You went before The LORD, you did it His way, He needed you, you responded, and you will return and be guiltless. You are a soldier, not a killer.
 - You're just the tool.
 - The soldier is not effective if he takes all the responsibility upon himself.
- We weren't equipped or built for war. We were created by a God of Love, but He is also a God of War.
- The Prince of Peace becomes the God of War when mean, unreasonable, ungodly people get to the place where local law enforcement can no longer handle the strife. Then the soldier steps in to make the difference.
- This is God's nation. In the first act of Congress, President George Washington said, "You will be our God and we will be Your people."
- God never forgets a covenant.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Read and believe Psalm 91 every day. It's a promise to you from God Almighty!

Begin keeping a journal of your thoughts and the revelations the Holy Spirit gives you as you read God's promises to you. You will be encouraged as you meditate on what God has already done for you. Anticipate His love and power for your today and your tomorrow.



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DAY 2 – FAITH WORKS BY AGAPE LOVE

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- I. Jesus gave instructions to the soldier and the police officer.
 - Jesus said to love your enemies, do good to them that hate you, bless them that curse you, pray for those that spitefully use you (see Luke 6:27-28).
 - There are bad cops, soldiers, governors, mayors—those are the ones that Jesus said you need to be praying for.
 - Don't only do good to those who are good to you (see Luke 6:33-34).
 - Consider those who are not good to you.
 - If you will be good to those people, The LORD will be good to them through you, and together you will turn some of these folks around (see Luke 6:35-36).
- II. Serving others brings THE BLESSING to you.
 - One man tithed because he saw it brought increase to others; and because his giving brought him increase, he chose to get saved.
 - The man who started Amazon, who is now very successful, had an idea to serve people who couldn't get to the store to buy what they needed.
 - Every invention was at one time an idea—for example: cell phones and apps.
 - God-ideas are wrapped in love and in service to others.
- III. Faith is a creative force of God (see Hebrews 11:3, *AMPC*).
 - You can't see faith, but you can see the results of it.
 - Faith works by *agape* love (Galatians 5:6).
 - "Have the God kind of faith" (Mark 11:22). We are talking about the God kind of love. *Have faith in God* is the answer to everything.
 - God is the soldier's best friend, but He insists you do things His way.



- IV. No man has ever or will ever suffer like Jesus did.
- He not only died on the Cross and bore our sins. Jesus went into hell and suffered for three days and three nights.
 - Jesus did all the hard part. He took those stripes on his back and was beaten almost to death (see John 19:1).
 - After all that, He still shouted with a loud voice, "It is finished!" (see John 19:30).
 - He took the punishment for sin on Himself, went into hell and paid the price, so that we could pray a simple prayer to receive Him.
 - The only thing Jesus could not do was pray your or my prayer.
 - In Nov. 1962, when Brother Copeland got home from flying, he heard The LORD's voice telling him to get saved. So, he did it.
 - If you've never accepted Jesus as your LORD and Savior, this is your moment to do it.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

God's love, *agape* love, for you is powerful! He is determined to love you no matter what. His forgiveness is always available, and His power will deliver you from every difficult situation!

Make this declaration every day:

"God loves me. His love is powerful and He always forgives. I determine to be thankful and open to God's love. In Jesus' Name, I receive God's help today and every day. Amen!"



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DAY 3 – OPEN THE DOOR TO LOVE

Jesus demonstrated the open door to a love relationship to His disciples during the Passover celebration. Jesus gave Judas an opportunity for repentance and salvation, but Judas refused. Jesus shared the bread and the cup with His disciples. After Jesus rose from the dead, He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Ghost."

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- I. Jesus demonstrated the open door for a love relationship to His disciples during the Passover celebration, the Seder meal (see John 13:16-24).
 - John's confession was that he was the disciple whom Jesus loved. John was right next to Jesus, leaning on Him.
 - Those disciples were close to Jesus, but they were not family.
 - We are family with Jesus; we're kinfolks. We're born into the family of God. We're blood kin in the blood of Jesus.
- II. Jesus gave Judas an opportunity for repentance and salvation, but Judas refused.
 - So many times, Judas saw Jesus hide Himself and walk out from an angry crowd, and they had no idea where He went (see Luke 4:28-30).
 - Brother Copeland believes that Judas thought it would happen again. Judas would come up and kiss Jesus, and He would suddenly disappear as He had in the past; but this time, it didn't work that way (see Mark 14:45).
 - When Judas left the Passover meal, the disciples thought Judas was going to give something to the poor. Jesus had a reputation of giving (John 13:27-29).
 - After Judas left, Jesus said, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another" (John 13:34).
 - This is not a suggestion; it's a commandment.
 - Blind Bartimaeus did take what Jesus was offering.
 - Bartimaeus called to Jesus and said, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy (*chesed*) on me!" (see Mark 10:47-52).
 - Jesus called for him and said, "What can I do for you?"



- Jesus knew what he wanted, but Bartimaeus had to say it. He had to release his faith with his words.
- III. Jesus shared the bread and the cup with His disciples (see Mark 14:22-25).
 - Jesus took the three pieces of bread—it was matzah (unleavened)—and the folded napkin.
 - He placed each piece of bread in a separate fold: one each for Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
 - As prescribed, Jesus took out the middle piece, the Isaac piece, broke it and shared it with the disciples.
 - Then He turned the cup right side up and poured in the wine.
 - The most precious moments on earth were only hours away from what would be the most precious moments in heaven.
- IV. After Jesus rose from the dead, He breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Ghost” (see John 20:22). That’s when they got born again.
 - The requirements to be saved are: Believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, and confess Him with your mouth as LORD (see Romans 10:9-10).
 - The disciples had believed and confessed, so Jesus breathed on them, and the new birth took place.
 - Later at Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came to live in the believers (see Acts 2:2-4).
 - They heard the sound of a rushing mighty wind when the Holy Spirit and an innumerable number of angels entered the earth’s atmosphere.
 - The devil had been defeated, and his hold on the earth was broken!

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Invite Jesus to come into every part of your life and bring His love which causes you to succeed. Let the Holy Spirit reveal areas in you that need God’s loving touch.

Write those areas here. Repent from any sin, and receive His cleansing (1 John 1:9) and His powerful touch of love.



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DAY 4 – THE KINGDOM OF LOVE

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- I. The kingdom of love is the kingdom of God's dear Son, Jesus.
 - Jesus instructed His disciples: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes unto the Father, but by me. If you know Me, you know my Father also" (see John 14:6-7).
 - Philip asked to see the Father (see John 14:8).
 - Jesus answered that if a person has seen Him, he has seen the Father (see John 14:9-11).
 - Jesus said, "Don't you know that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me?"
 - He added, "Even the words I speak, I am repeating what I hear from the Father. Believe Me that I am in the Father, or believe because of the works I do."
 - "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father" (John 14:12).
 - We're doing the works of Jesus. We are in the will of God!
 - At Pentecost, 50 days later, the disciples found out how to know the Father when the Spirit of God came into them (see Acts 2:1-4).
- II. Let God's love live in you.
 - Live a life so that the love of God, the goodness of God, and faith in God with corresponding action to that faith are evident in you.
 - "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him" (John 14:21).
 - It is the love commandment.



- III. After Paul started a church in a city, he continued to pray for the believers.
- Paul prayed that they would increase in the knowledge of God and be strengthened with all might (see Colossians 1:9-13).
 - The word *might* was translated from the Greek word *dunamis*. It's also where we get the word *dynamite*.
 - We have been delivered from the power [authority] of darkness and God has translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son (see Colossians 1:12-13).
 - The phrase "dear Son" is the Son of God's *agape* love. It is the kingdom of love.
 - God is King wherever love is primary.
- IV. Is there a conflict between the love of God and the commandment: "Thou shalt not kill" (Exodus 20:13)?
- "Thou shalt not kill," means you shall not commit murder.
 - In English, words like *murder*, *self-defense* and *justifiable homicide*, are all forms of killing—but not every killing is murder.
- V. Jesus is no longer the *only begotten* Son of God. He is the firstborn from the dead (see Colossians 1:18).
- We are joint heirs with Jesus; we have firstborn status (see Romans 8:17).
 - Years ago, Brother Copeland had just learned about agreement in prayer. He decided to read Jesus' prayer and agree with everything Jesus said, because Jesus always prayed a perfect prayer.
 - Brother Copeland read each verse of John 17 and added, "I agree."
 - When Brother Copeland read that "God loves Kenneth just as much He loves Jesus," he was overwhelmed by the personal love of God for him.
 - "I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me" (John 17:23).
 - What a truth! That God loves each believer just as much as He loves Jesus!
 - "The love of God has been shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit" (Romans 5:5). We have the same Spirit within us.

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You are in the kingdom of love, Jesus' kingdom, if you have been born again. Let your praise, thanksgiving and love flow continually from your heart to the One who loves you—Jesus Christ!



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DAY 5 – LOVE-FUELED FAITH BRINGS SUCCESS

The United States is a nation of liberty and freedom. We are to stand fast in the liberty given by God. Faith in God works by love and corresponding action. The disciples were shocked when Jesus stilled the storm. *You* put on the whole armor of God.

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- I. The United States is a nation of liberty and freedom. We are to stand fast in the liberty given by God (Galatians 5:1).
 - Study God's righteousness (see Galatians 5:5).
 - Whenever you see in the Bible, "In him," "In Christ" and "In whom," know that's where you are, because you are in Christ. You are the seed of Abraham—an heir.
- II. Faith in God works by love and corresponding action.
 - *The New Testament in Modern Speech*, also known as "the Weymouth translation," says "Faith without corresponding action is dead" (see James 2:17).
 - The woman who had the issue of blood heard what Jesus preached.
 - "The Spirit of The LORD is upon Me. He has anointed Me to preach" (see Luke 4:18). That was His text everywhere He went.
 - She started saying, "If I but touch the hem of Jesus' garment" (see Mark 5:27-28). She had been taught that's where the anointing was.
 - Before that, Jairus asked Jesus to come and heal his daughter.
 - Faith put Jesus on the move, then faith stopped Him. Faith put a demand on the power of God.
 - The woman with the issue of blood received her healing and then felt in her body that she was healed.
 - She had released her faith before she ever got out of the house.
 - She said it, she did it, she received it, then she told it—the basic fundamentals of faith.
 - Kenneth E. Hagin received from Jesus these four things anyone can do to receive anything they want and need from our Father.



- III. The disciples were shocked when Jesus stilled the storm (see Mark 4:41).
- They asked, "What manner of man is this? This is a faith man.
 - It is impossible to please God without faith. He who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him (see Hebrews 11:6).
 - Seek God in His covenants, in prayer and in action.
- IV. *You* put on the whole armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-12).
- God cannot put the armor on you.
 - Look at the list and order of the devil's demons: principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world and spiritual wickedness in heavenly places.
 - The rulers of the darkness of this world are the ones who possess people—spirit, soul and body.
 - Wicked spirits in the heavenlies are the highest-ranking demons, the ones that influence leaders in governments.
 - We must pray for the president like never before—whether you voted for him or not.
 - We have a higher mandate: We must first of all pray for kings and all in authority. For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the Man, Christ Jesus (see 1 Timothy 2:1, 5).
 - A man was possessed by an evil spirit. That demon's power flowed through him and made him excessively strong and violent (Mark 5:2-6).
 - When the man saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him.
 - The devil's power could not hold this man back from worshipping Jesus, and he can't stop you!

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