

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. <u>God is love</u>. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. 1 John 4:16

..listen to the Lord who created you...the one who formed you says, "Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name; you are mine." Isaiah 43:1 (NLT)

• God wants you all to himself.

"You shall be holy to me, for I the Lord am holy and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be mine." Leviticus 20:26

...may you be able to feel and understand, <u>as all God's children should</u>, how long, how wide, how deep, and how high his love really is; and to <u>experience this love for yourselves</u>, though it is so great that you will never see the end of it or fully know or understand it... Ephesians 3:18-19 (TLB)

Discovering God's love is a daily adventure in uncovering His <u>character</u>.

God's love reflects His character means:

• Because God is Holy, His love for you is completely **different**.

How God's love is different:

1. God's love for us is unconditional.

We love Him because He loved us first. 1 John 4:19

- 2. God's love for us is Sacrificial.
- 3. God's love is enduring.

For I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from his love. Death can't, and life can't. The angels won't, and all the powers of hell itself cannot keep God's love away. Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, or where we are—high above the sky, or in the deepest ocean—nothing will ever be able to separate us from the love of God demonstrated by our Lord Jesus Christ when he died for us. Romans 8:38–39

God's love reflects His character also means:

Because God is pure, His love for you is completely genuine.

God is not temperamental, He can be trusted.

• God's love for us does not mean we're in **relationship** with Him.

So turn away from your sins. Turn to God. Then your sins will be wiped away. Acts 3:19

Discovering God's love:

• God's love for you is always expressed in His faithfulness to you.

God is faithful means:

God is unchanging in his nature, true to his Word, God can be trusted to do what he has said he's going to do.

For the Lord is always good. He is always loving and kind, and his faithfulness goes on and on to each succeeding generation. Psalm 100:5 (TLB)

• What God has done for others in the past, He will also do for you.

Wavs God is faithful:

God is faithful to keep his promises.

Let's keep a firm grip on the promises that keep us going. <u>He (God) always keeps his word</u>. Hebrews 10:23 (MSG)

God is not a man, so he does not lie. He is not human, so he does not change his mind. Has he ever spoken and failed to act? Has he ever promised and not carried it through? Numbers 23:19 (NLT)

• God is faithful in his love and **compassion** for you.

..his compassion never ends. It is only the Lord's mercies that have kept us from complete destruction. Great is his faithfulness; his loving-kindness begins afresh each day. Lamentations 3:22-23

• God is faithful in times of trials and temptations.

God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it. 1 Corinthians 10:13

• God is faithful to prepare you for heaven.

Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. God will make this happen, for he who calls you is faithful. 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

• God is faithful to **protect** you from the evil one.

My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. John 17:15 But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one. 2 Thessalonians 3:3

God is faithful even when you are not.

If we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself. 2 Timothy 2:13

• God is faithful to forgive your sins.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

One Action Step:

• How has God been faithful to you?

Your unfailing love, O Lord, is as vast as the heavens; your faithfulness reaches beyond the clouds. Psalm 36:5



TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- What does it mean to you that God wants you all to himself?
- How does God's character demonstrate His love? In your own words, How would you describe to someone how God's love is different? (Other than what's listed)
- How would you describe the genuineness of God's love?
- How would you describe God's faithfulness in your life? Why is God's faithfulness important for us to experience personally?
- Do you believe that what God has done for others in the past, He will also do for you?
- Talk through the sub-points under the heading: "Ways God is faithful".
- How do these demonstrate God's love for us?

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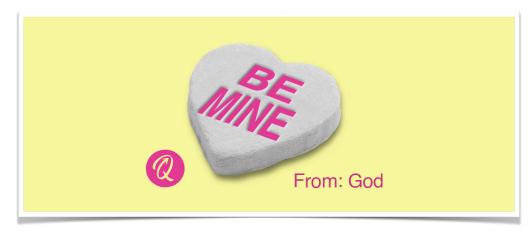


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Today's Talk..



God Is Faithful

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