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NEWS



A Love Worth Finding

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"Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things" (1 Corinthians 13:4-7 ESV).

Valentine's Day Is Here

Valentine's Day is here, and the world is screaming that you need a certain kind of love: the kind that results in ring selfies and makes strangers whisper, "I wish I were her."

We want the extravagant dates, candlelight meals, and long hours whispering sweet nothings to each other. We want the kind of love that lends itself to social media posts—a big, loud, over-the-top kind of romance that others will envy.

Love From God's Perspective

But the truth is that God, in His kindness, wrote the real love story you were made for, and it usually looks a lot more like Tuesday night dishes than a Paris proposal. It burns more like well-tended coals than the quick, hot flame of a sparkler. It serves more in the way of changing dirty diapers than gifting the most expensive jewelry and latest designer handbags.

There's a passage we've probably heard a thousand times, but one that's crucial in understanding the kind of love story God wants us to experience: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. Read it with me and let each element sink into your heart.

Love is patient.
Love is kind.
Love does not envy.
Love does not boast.
Love is not arrogant.
Love is not rude.
Love does not insist on its own way.
Love is not irritable.
Love is not resentful.
Love does not rejoice at wrongdoing.
Love rejoices with the truth.
Love bears all things.
Love believes all things.
Love hopes all things.
Love endures all things.

Doesn't that sound like a love worth having?

Faithful Waiting

The love you're chasing this February isn't waiting in a spotlight. It's waiting in the still moments with your Bible and in the quiet dailiness God is preparing for you. For God didn't just tell us what love is. He demonstrated it through His Son, Jesus, and He wants to shower His love over us, if we'll let Him.

Spend time with the Lord. Open your heart up to Him. Let Him show you what His love—true love—really looks like. And as you wait and pray for a God-honoring love story, I want to encourage you: Don't settle for anything less than His best. Re-read 1 Corinthians 13, to remind yourself of the kind of love you're waiting for; the kind of love God intended and designed for you, and the kind of love He shows you!

Don't look for the flashy; look for the faithful. Don't look for the wealthy; look for those who are rich in the Lord. And, above all, turn to the One who loves you better than any human ever will—the One who gave His life for you. No matter what, His love makes Valentine's Day worth celebrating!

By God's Grace You Can Overcome

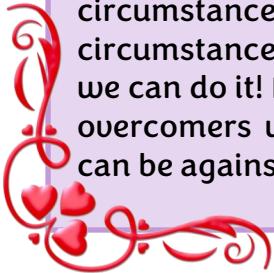
~ By Vision Christian Media
The Word for Today

'If God is for us, who can be against us?'
Romans 8:31 NKJV

Some of the world's greatest people faced the world's greatest challenges, but they overcame them. Novelist Sir Walter Scott was physically disabled. John Bunyan, author of The Pilgrim's Progress, was imprisoned. Abraham Lincoln was raised in abject poverty. Statesman Benjamin Disraeli was harassed by harsh and bitter prejudice. Franklin Roosevelt was struck down with paralysis. Educator Booker T. Washington, abolitionist Harriet Tubman, singer Marian Anderson and agricultural inventor George Washington Carver were subjected to continual racial discrimination. Opera singer Enrico Caruso was the first child to survive in a poor Italian family of eighteen. The incomparable violinist, Itzhak Perlman, was born to parents who survived a Nazi concentration camp and he was paralysed from the waist down at age four. Albert Einstein was called a slow learner, and written off as unable to be educated.

Helen Keller was born blind and deaf, yet she graduated college with highest honours and impacted the world. Margaret Thatcher, the UK's first woman Prime Minister, lived upstairs over her father's grocery shop. For a while, her childhood home had no running water and no indoor plumbing. Golda Meier, Israel's first and only woman Prime Minister, was a divorced grandmother from Milwaukee.

What do these people teach us? That success doesn't depend on our circumstances, but on overcoming our circumstances! And with God on our side we can do it! Paul, one of the world's great overcomers wrote, 'If God is for us, who can be against us?'



Hope House Orphanage

Thank you for those who sent special donations for Christmas! The children and staff enjoyed the time of fellowship and special food that was paid for by your generosity. Singing and gift giving and fellowship allowed a very special celebration for these youngsters.

Hope Clinic

License Renewal Process

The clinic is actively preparing for the renewal of its 2026 operating license. The clinic continues to provide essential healthcare services to Hope House residents, Hope School learners, and the wider community.

Increase in Malaria Cases

The rainy season has resulted in a rise in malaria cases due to stagnant water that supports mosquito breeding. The clinic has maintained early detection and prompt treatment while educating patients on prevention measures.



WE need your continued prayer and financial support to accomplish the task the Lord has given us to reach out to those who are struggling and need a safe place to turn for help. Prayerfully consider becoming a **PARTNER OF HOPE** by making a one-time gift or monthly commitment.

GOD BLESS YOU AS YOU GIVE.

Remember — your gifts to HOPE Ministries are always tax deductible!



John 3:16 is often referred to as “the gospel in a nutshell.” Through the years, many thirsty souls have found the satisfaction of new life in Jesus Christ as presented in this one short verse.

“**God**” - the greatest Lover
“**So loved**” - the greatest degree
“**The world**” - the greatest crowd
“**That whosoever**” - the greatest opportunity
“**Believes**” - the greatest attraction
“**Should not perish**” - the greatest promise
“**But**” - the greatest difference
“**Have**” - the greatest certainty
“**Everlasting life**” - the greatest possession

Expressed in a similar way, we see:

The richest mercy— “**God so loved**”
The blackest object— “**the world**”
The costliest price— “**He gave His Son**”
The widest reach— “**whosoever**”
The easiest terms— “**believes in him**”
The most marvelous escape— “**should not perish**”
The wealthiest gift— “**have everlasting life**”
~ Author Unknown



Memorize Scripture

For this newsletter I have chosen the following scripture:

I Corinthians 13:13
“So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.”

Lizzy Says:

This year's snowstorm left a snow pile as high as the roof!



People are always blaming their circumstances for what they are. I don't believe in circumstances. The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want, and if they can't find them, they make them.

~ George Bernard Shaw



I am with you and will protect you wherever you go.
Genesis 28:15

“It is far better to be alone than to be in bad company”

~George Washington



A Christian should never feel like a victim, but always like a victor.

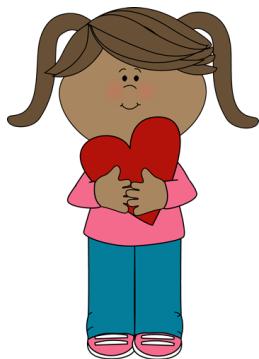
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But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

I Corinthians 15:57

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