



Begin with God ... So We Can Love Others

Closing Devotion

Unconditional love describes God's love for all sinners. This love began with Adam and Eve, whose sin spoiled the perfect world God had made for them, and continues through the present day.

In love, God promised us a Savior. He renewed that promise over centuries and fulfilled it by sending His Son. Jesus demonstrated love in word and action, culminating with His death on Calvary and His resurrection three days later.

How can we as mere mortals respond to such love? Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we can demonstrate His love to others.

... walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love ... (Ephesians 4:1b-2).

... may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all ... (1 Thessalonians 3:12a).

And when we fail to love, as human beings always will, God accepts our repentance, forgives us, and enables us to begin again.

Prayer: Dear Lord, You are the perfect example of love. You have spoken of love and You have demonstrated it through Your Son Jesus. Lord, we do not love You or others as we should, and we beg Your forgiveness. Give us, we pray, a greater measure of Your unconditional love so that we are able to share it with Your people. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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