

The Father's Love for US

I hope you enjoyed Valentine's Day this past week. Our family spent a much needed evening out together for dinner and ice cream, thanks to some gift cards we had been given a while back. With no cooking or cleaning needed, according to my wife, that was truly a gift!

Our Heavenly Father's gift of love is something we can count on all the time, not just one day out of the year. The Apostle Paul spoke of the confidence he had in God's love saying: *"What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?... For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."* (Romans 8:31, 38-39)

Not only can we count on God's love to remain with us at all times, we simply cannot grasp the fullness of God's love for us. The height, depth, width, and breath of it are beyond what we can measure. God's love showed itself in a most extraordinary way. You see, true love is not just a feeling, or a romantic gesture.

Rather, it is sacrificial in nature. God's true love is willing to lay down one's life for another person.

"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:13).

We find God's love most clearly expressed in the person of Jesus, who gave his life in order to ransom and redeem us. I invite you to pause and soak in the great love that God has for you.

It's an unlimited reservoir meant for you.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor David

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