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Relationship Reports

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### PART 11

## THERE IS LOVE & "THERE IS LOVE"

### THE POWER OF JESUS' LOVE

#### THE ILLUSTRATION

The POWER OF JESUS' LOVE is depicted in this illustration and is evident in the Scriptures that follow it.

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## POWER OF JESUS LOVE !!



### **THE SCRIPTURES**

- *“BELOVED, LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER: FOR LOVE IS OF GOD; AND EVERY ONE THAT LOVETH IS BORN OF GOD, AND KNOWETH GOD. HE THAT LOVETH NOT KNOWETH NOT GOD; FOR GOD IS LOVE.” (I John 4:7–8).*
- *“FOR AS MANY AS ARE LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD, THEY ARE THE SONS OF GOD. FOR YE HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE SPIRIT OF BONDAGE AGAIN TO FEAR; BUT YE HAVE RECEIVED THE SPIRIT OF ADOPTION WHEREBY WE CRY, ABBA, FATHER.” (Romans 8:14–15).*
- *“THERE IS NO FEAR IN LOVE: BUT PERFECT LOVE CASTETH OUT FEAR; BECAUSE FEAR HATH TORMENT, HE THAT FEARETH IS NOT MADE IN PERFECT LOVE.” (I John 4:18).*
- *“... THE DISCIPLES SAW HIM [Jesus] WALKING ON THE SEA, THEY WERE TROUBLED, SAYING, IT IS A SPIRIT, AND THEY CRIED OUT FOR FEAR. BUT STRAIGHTAWAY JESUS SPAKE UNTO THEM, SAYING, ‘BE OF GOOD CHEER. IT IS I, BE NOT AFRAID.’ (Matthew 14:26–27).*
- *“IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD, AND THE WORD WAS GOD . . . IN HIM WAS LIFE; AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN . . .*

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*AS MANY AS RECEIVED HIM, TO THEM GAVE HE POWER TO BECOME THE SONS OF GOD, EVEN TO THEM THAT BELIEVED ON HIS NAME, WHICH WERE BORN . . . OF GOD.” (John 1:1, 4, 12–13).*

### **THE EXPLANATION**

In the Scriptures is the essence of the Power of Jesus’ Love. As we are led by the SPIRIT of God, we are the sons of God, and that SPIRIT of God casts out FEAR, and that SPIRIT of God is “LOVE” and that SPIRIT OF GOD’S LOVE is JESUS CHRIST!

The disciples on that stormy sea rightly discerned that a “SPIRIT” walked on the water, indeed JESUS in saying “IT IS I, BE NOT AFRAID” also said HE was the very SPIRIT OF LOVE. Peter, and all the disciples on that storm-tossed boat, were immediately calmed by Jesus’ Voice, His Voice conveyed His LOVE, His SPIRIT of LOVE, and in that Peter found Faith to walk on the water. The strength of Peter’s Faith to do so, was in JESUS’ LOVE, but the moment Peter got his eyes off Jesus and onto the troubled elements, fear entered, and he began to sink.

### **AWARENESS OF JESUS’ LOVE**

You know what a HIPPOPOTAMUS is, but do you know what a HIPAPALPOLOMUS is?

It sounds like a hippopotamus, but it is spelled differently. You won't find it in the dictionary, nor will you find a sketch of it anywhere. If I were to render a description of what a HIPAPALPOLOMUS is, I could say it is big, strong, moves readily from water into the air and land, and in saying this you might form an image in your mind's imagery of a creature LIKE a hippopotamus. But then, let a few generations pass, and men will merge the word HIPPOPOTAMUS with HIPAPALPOLOMUS calling both HIPPOPOTAMUS or even some combination of both words.

This is essentially what has happened to the Biblical Word LOVE and JESUS’ LOVE.

Just as the word LOVE has an equal in the German language LIEB—even so, something is lost in the translation.

Even a Biblical scholar learning ancient Greek, then Hebrew, cannot perfectly translate the ancient versions of the word LOVE, simply because men of that day had to use the words of that day to describe something they experienced in Christ. No word or words can rightly describe Jesus’ Love, and at best they come close but are very limited.

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The dilemma can be seen in the last verse of the last chapter of the book of John:

***“And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.” (John 21:25).***

In light of this Scriptural statement, what possibly is there that Jesus’ Love might be defined by words, if out of His Love Jesus did things that if written into books, the very world itself could not contain all the books that could be written?

Yet, the Bible itself can be the perfect key to entering into that deeper understanding only if it’s used in the way it was intended, in the way it says it is to be used. Yes, the answer is to the LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD, and that is LOVE, and LOVE is GOD and JESUS CHRIST is GOD.

The intellectual pursuit of knowledge of the Word of God is futile unless it is by design and intent bent to prepare us to enter into a living relationship with Jesus Christ, as led by the Spirit of God, and that is Jesus’ Love.

JESUS’ LOVE is wholly different from the most common usage of the word LOVE in this society and every human society on earth. Because man’s system in the Church, in all institutions are founded on law and fear, no man is prepared to even remotely recognize the depth and dimension of Jesus’ Love. What we call LOVE is a human and carnal love not unlike the Hippopotamus; but JESUS’ LOVE is like that HIPAPALPOLOMUS: it sounds like, but in truth is nothing like the REAL Hippopotamus, or human love, whatsoever.

If we are to come to know Jesus’ Love, we need first be aware that His Love compared to the love we have learned in this world, is alien to this world in every respect.

### **BEGINNINGS AND THEN TRANSITION**

From our birth in this world, we are carnal, self-centered, self-seeking. This being the Adamic nature in us.

From the time WE BELIEVE ON JESUS, we have power to BECOME SONS OF GOD, yet we are not unlike newborn infants: very self-centered, self-seeking, carnal, and without disciplines. As a result, knowledge of law (and the need to be governed by law) is necessary. In this state, we are covered by GRACE, but if we grow in knowledge of God and Law and do not come to the place where we RECEIVE JESUS’ LOVE we are children of the bondwoman (Galations 4).

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There is a old saying that “parental love is a love that grows to separation”. As we that enter into Christ Jesus' promises through BELIEF necessarily are parented by God's Law, and this is a lesser form of love that dims with time. It governs us until we come of age, that we might RECEIVE JESUS' LOVE.

This is what Paul spoke of in I Corinthians 1: ***“But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass darkly, but then face to face: now I know in part, but then shall I know even as also I am known. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three, but the greatest of these is charity.” (I Corinthians 13:10–13).***

Of course, chapter 13 of I Corinthians is the LOVE chapter, but Paul's statement at the end of this chapter can be a mystery unless one recognizes the reason why Paul wrote the letters to the church in Corinth. Why did he so write them?

Let's look at some Scriptures about that:

- “. . . your faith should NOT stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.” (I Cor. 2:5).
- “. . . the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God . . . neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.” (I Cor. 2:14).
- “For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.” (I Cor. 2:16).
- “And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual; but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ . . . For ye are yet carnal . . .” (I Cor. 3:1,3).

Paul wrestled with legalism as he had so many times, for he sought to draw God's children through belief in Christ to make the transition from Law which is carnal, to Love which is SPIRIT. At the end of chapter 13, Paul clearly states that as babes in Christ, Law is the partial thing, a child's world, but when we become men, we are to RECEIVE JESUS' LOVE and put away childish things.

Make no mistake: Paul is call LAW a CHILDISH THING here. By Law, we see through a glass darkly, but by the Spirit of God, Love, we see face-to-face. By Law, we know in part, but by the Spirit of God, Love, we shall KNOW as we are KNOWN.

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The Christian that BELIEVES ON Jesus' Name is saved, but enters the promise of God's Power to become a son of God through Law. Yet others RECEIVE JESUS' LOVE, and these enter directly into JESUS' LOVE and freely exercise that power in Christ to become sons of God.

I have seen those, like myself, that RECEIVED JESUS' LOVE at the start and had a powerful personal experience in Christ; but were turned to Law by men, and so the great light of Jesus' Love went dim for the shadowy corridors of law and fear. I have seen others, that BELIEVED ON JESUS' NAME at the start, but men's laws have kept them in Law and from entering into the promise to become sons of God.

### **CHILDISH vs. CHILD-LIKE**

And, BEING CHILDISH IS NOT BEING CHILD-LIKE! The two terms are quite different. It is only that in our language that the two terms APPEAR to be like each other. But, the fact remains, these two terms are NOT like each other. CHILDISH in I Corinthians is equal to FOOLISH. But, being CHILD-LIKE is equal to innocence and trust springing from Love of Jesus Christ. That is all the difference.

### **THE TRANSITION TO JESUS' LOVE**

As we come to know Jesus personally, we also enter the more into His Love and Receive His Love in ourselves. But, there is a transition involved, for we tend to drift back into the carnal state or law at regular intervals, as it is what we are used to and feel more comfortable with.

Yet, when we abide in Jesus' Love, it is an experience so rich and delightful, so sweet and gentle that we cannot long abide in the carnal state and long for His Love, so are drawn ever nearer to Jesus.

Peter's experience in walking on the troubled waters to Jesus is our common experience, for though we be bold to step out in the power of His Love to come near, we are distracted by the troubles of this world, and in bringing our focus to them, fear, and when fear comes we sink. Yet, we see that when Peter began to sink, Jesus drew him out. Jesus' Love that enables us to walk on troubled waters by faith, also pulls us out if we fear, or doubt, for His Love never fails, it is not conditional on what we do or do not do.

Until one seeks to be led by the Spirit of God, which is Jesus' Love, and begins to actually experience that Jesus Love, we will never realize how extensive and massive a grip fear has on us. As we receive Jesus' Love, fear departs, but it is a process, for His Love works perfection in us but we are not perfected in a day.

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The extent to which we are perfected in Jesus' Love is the extent to which we willingly YIELD to the Spirit of God, earnestly seeking to enter into Jesus' Love and Receive His Love. The limitation of our growth in Jesus' Love is directly proportional to the extent to which we are willing to Trust Jesus. Some trust Jesus a little, some trust Jesus more, but none Trust Jesus wholly because FEAR holds us back and Jesus will not overrule our free will decision to hold onto fears.

It is because of the very nature of Jesus' Love that this is so, His Love gently calls us, sweetly draws us but does not force or compel us; and if we are afraid to come near Him, that same Love comforts us and gladdens us. He is always nearby, but if we do not call on Him, His Love will not impose anything on us.

Those who are bold to receive His Love, learn by experience that He is trustworthy. So, each time thereafter these trust Him the more, and are more yielded, thus they are perfected in Love in many ways and fear more and more departs, and that gentle sweet Love of Jesus literally casts out all FEAR with a power that amazes.

I speak of the contrast and this is what amazes me. FEAR is a brute, like a Goliath that holds us in terrible chains of bondage. And ,though we struggle against it, it easily overpowers us, even crushes us in spirit. When Jesus' Love is received, it is so quiet, so gentle and kind, it blows over us like a spring breeze refreshing and soothing us, it quickens us in hope and faith, it heals and uplifts, but when it comes to fear, that terrible Goliath in us, this same sweet gentle Love takes that brute of fear by the scruff of the neck and hurls it away suddenly and utterly demolishes the chains of bondage to fear, setting us free in Christ.

This is a truth that is strange to one's ears, but in truth, the very fear(s) that torment us and inflict never ending miseries, are wholly reliant on us to defend it against the Love of Jesus that would utterly pulverize it and set us free if we knew to yield that fear to Jesus' Love.

### **YOU KNOW WHAT PAUL KNOWS**

On February 4, 1983 Jesus spoke this to me: **“YOU KNOW WHAT PAUL KNOWS, AND UNLESS I KEPT YOU IN A CERTAIN LEVEL OF UNDERSTANDING, MEN WOULD BE UTTERLY BEWILDERED AND TOTALLY MISUNDERSTAND.”** (JESUS' Word of February 4, 1984).

In April 1983, I came into union with Jesus Christ by the Spirit. At that time, I did literally SEE AS JESUS SEES. I knew the very heart of God the Father. I was not in that instant perfected in Love but was in Perfect Love and abode in Him, in union with Him. There is a joy and fulness and absolute sense and knowing of completion and wholeness in him, in union with Jesus Christ that is denied none, but so few even know to seek it.

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What I will share with you of this experience is the reaction I met from brethren in the Church, and frankly from the time of union with Jesus and inside of a month, I met and experienced the most severe persecutions and fearsome attacks by brethren as I can ever remember, until I, as did Peter, got my focus off Jesus and onto the troubled elements and so also began to sink but also cried out to the Lord and He drew me out.

The encounters with brethren in the Church were not all pain but some were furious, some bewildered, some awed, some rejoiced, and in the time I began to fear for all the attacks on me, fear entered in and with it bondage, then illness, lastly disastrous trials and error. What happened?

The very day of union in Jesus' Love, I changed in every respect. I understood what I had only understood in part, seeing clearly what was in the hearts of men but without condemnations—rather with love and compassion. Those around me saw the change, it was visible, and one did say that it seemed as if the room I was in was brighter than it was, and so very warm. Indeed, Jesus' Love burned within me and I even saw the glow of His Love.

### **THE POWER OF JESUS' LOVE**

It was in that very Power of His Love that I was sent out by God to take the Staff, travel thousands of miles utterly destroying Satan's power on earth, reversing the shifts of the whole American continent to prevent terrible disasters and spare many, the least of which was to literally move a mountain in that same power of His Love.

But, in one night in talking to a brother and sister in Christ by phone, I told them out of that same Love that I "Loved them" but was astounded when they recoiled from that very same Love and feared. Then they would accuse me of evil doing, and other brethren likewise accused, and I was brought to question if they were right in this. Once I doubted, fear entered in with terrible power, I was felled by multiple illnesses, and found myself tormented by temptations to things I had never been tempted to do. I went from the living ecstasy of Loving union in Jesus Christ, then fell into illnesses and abject misery followed by error in confusions that led to self condemnations and the sin of rebellion against God's call. It would take me months of prayer and soul searching to recover, and was astounded at the venom hurled at me for one simple reason, Jesus' Love. I began to understand, and I did recover my spiritual legs, why Paul on receiving Jesus' Love and being converted, went into the desert three years, to learn from God not men (Galatians 1:17, 18).

Any brother or sister in Christ that receives Jesus' Love in union with Him by the Spirit of God may demonstrate a pure Christ Love openly that will strike utter terror in those who cling to fear and it is bondage. They will fear the loss of their chains, for their trust is in the bondage to fear. Strangest

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of all to me then was that the unsaved did not react this way, but those of God's children of promise in the Church system.

What I would spare you of is the cold water shock of the surprise of this kind of reaction to Jesus' Love manifest and present in you. Expect violent, hateful, accusing attacks of all forms and recognize the parallel to Jesus' experience. As we follow Him and receive His Love we will also manifest His Love to others and some will receive with great joy but others will turn on you with utter hatred seeking even to kill you, thinking they will do God a service in that.

So, the Lord just after these events in 1983 isolated me from contact with everyone, as He had isolated Paul, that I might not only recover and renew in His Love but learn by experience something obvious in the Scriptures, as Jesus Loved He was hated, accused, condemned, even killed and as we follow Jesus, we will experience the same.

We should not be offended by this fact, and we can be offended if we are not prepared to expect it from unexpected sources, even from those close to us—brethren in Christ.

The mistake I made then was to stop loving after the first blows were felt, followed by the grave error of judging those who attacked me with a legal mind (carnal).

Once we begin to receive Jesus' Love we will begin to manifest His Love in this world, and when attacks come, the only answer possible is to yield the more to His Love and Love even more those who attack us. There is no other way, Love is the only way, and this is Jesus Christ.

### **WHAT IS GOD'S PURPOSE?**

If we slip back into our carnal mind, we can wonder what GOD'S PURPOSE is in manifesting His Love in us? Is it that we suffer as Jesus did? Does God aim to see us all beat up and bloodied?

To wonder about God's purposes is honest, to think in these kind of terms is carnal mindedness.

From the very day of union with Jesus and in His Love, I saw the heart of God and knew it, and saw what Jesus saw and knew. I saw the whole world and all His children trapped in these systems of men, and saw God's children in terrible bondage to fear, and more fear, and fear upon tormented fear, and this God hated with pure hatred. Taught to fear deception they were led by deception, taught to fear false teachers, prophets and doctrines they ended up led by false teachers, prophets and doctrines, rejecting all that was true. Fear was on every hand, and it was blackest in the very Church itself.

Indeed, what I experienced in 1983 is exactly what I did see with the eyes of Jesus in that first day of union with Him in 1983.

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The Love of Jesus is unconditional Love, it burns bright and sweet. It also exposes all sin in all of us and those who fear to be cleansed and set free flee into darkness; but those who know the hopelessness of their plight will receive His Love.

Jesus' Love made manifest in us as we receive Him, will burn brightly ever more wonderfully through us out of Him in this dark world and the darkness of fear will be cast out. No doctrinal barrier in the churches of today will ever prevail against His Love as we yield to His Love, and so His Body will come into union. Where there is His Love made manifest, no accusations or attack will succeed against enduring Jesus' Love; for men, though they be ignorant of many things, recognize Love and are drawn by his Love that Love Him. Those who resist the Love of Jesus, will be known for what they are by their very actions and words; and neither will they prevail against enduring Jesus' Love manifest in us.

Yet, while the Power of Jesus' Love is all powerful, we also need be led by the same Spirit of God, being wise as serpents and innocent as doves in how we manifest His Love, and how we cope with the adversities of this world to Jesus' Love.

The Lord God through Jesus Christ purposes to set this world afire with Jesus' Love and it's a fire we who are Christians are called to receive and to manifest. It's a fire that will burn away the chaff but set free the children of promise that they may enter in that promise and become sons of God through Jesus Christ.

I have not written a detail of all the dimensions of Jesus' Love, and yet I have outlined it. More, the power of Jesus' Love is not to be detailed, it is to be experienced and while it can be detailed in part you will not remember that as well as if you experience His Love. Also, while a Christian may be a manifest example of Jesus' Love by being yielded to His Love to where you can see His power at work in perfecting them, it is far better that you seek to receive His Love and yield to His Love yourself, that His Love perfect you also.

As you knock upon the door of Jesus' Love, and seek to enter in, asking to receive His Love, and persist in this prayer, in being yielded as you can, He will open, let you find, and give what you will receive, as you are yielded, and perfect you in His Love day by day.

With God ALL things are possible, and the reality of that promise and many others found in Scriptures abide in Jesus' Love. Amen!

*God Bless,*

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