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Top 10 Tips To Grasp God's Love

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1.) Know God's Love Through FACE VALUE Scriptures

- **God Loves Us with the Same Love He Loves Jesus**
 - *"...I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as you have loved me..." John 17:23*
- **Nothing Can Separate Us From the Love of God**
 - *"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:35-39*

Pulling Scripture Apart:

- Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
 - Tribulation
 - Distress
 - Persecution
 - Famine
 - Nakedness
 - Peril
 - Sword
 - For I am PERSUADED that:
 - Neither death nor life
 - Nor angles nor principalities nor powers
 - Nor things present nor things to come
 - Nor height nor depth
 - Nor any other created thing
 - *Shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord*
- **God's Love Is So Big That It Passes Knowledge**
 - *"...may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." Ephesians 3:18-19*

Pulling Scripture Apart:

- *Comprehend with all the saints what is the:*
 - *Width*
 - *Length*
 - *Depth*
 - *Height*
 - *To know the LOVE of Christ!!!*
- *The LOVE of Christ that PASSES KNOWLEDGE*
- *That you may be filled with the fullness of God*

• **God's Love Is Unfailing**

- *"But you are a God of forgiveness, gracious and merciful, slow to become angry, and rich in unfailing love. You did not abandon them." Nehemiah 9:17b (NLT)*

Pulling Scripture Apart (See Other Nuggets)

- God forgives
- God is gracious
- God is merciful
- God is slow to become angry (and mind you His anger is not your anger)
- God is rich in UNFAILING LOVE
- God does not abandon

• **God Will Quiet You With His Love!**

- *"The Lord your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing." Zephaniah 3:17*

Pulling Scripture Apart (See Other Nuggets)

- God is in your midst
- God will save
- God will rejoice over you with gladness
- God will quiet you with His love
- God will rejoice over you with singing

• **God's Love Will Last Forever**

- *Psalm 89:2*

• **God's Love Is Faithful, Will Remain, and Endures**

- *Isaiah 54:10 (NLT)*
- *1 Chronicles 16:34 (NLT)*

- **Jesus and God Loves Us**
 - *Jesus loves you! - Ephesians 5:2*
 - *God loves you! – John 3:16-17*

2.) Know God's Love Through HIDDEN REVELATIONS in Scripture

*Key Revelation: GOD MUST REPRESENT THE SCRIPTURES... If He has called us to “do” or “speak” something, HOW MUCH MORE WILL HE? God is the author of the scriptures, therefore, He has to represent the following truths.

- **Galatians 5:22-23**
 - *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.”*
 - If we are called to carry the fruits of the Spirit, how much more does God?
 - God is Love
 - God is Joy
 - God is Peace
 - God is Patience
 - God is Kindness
 - God is Goodness
 - God is Faithfulness
 - God is Gentleness
 - God is Self Control
- **2 Corinthians 2:8**
 - *“Reaffirm him with your love.”*
 - How much more will God reaffirm His love to you?
- **1 Peter 4:8**
 - *“And above all have fervent love for one another.”*
 - How much more does God have fervent love for us?
- **Proverbs 17:17a**
 - *“A friend loves at all times...”*
 - How much more will God love at all times?
- **Galatians 6:1**
 - *“If a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness.”*
 - God is the most spiritual being– how much more will he restore you with gentleness?

- **Colossians 3:14**
 - *“But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.”*
 - How much more, above all, will God put on love for us?

- **1 Corinthians 16:14**
 - *“Let all that you do be done with love.”*
 - How much more will God in all that He does do it in love?

- **Ephesians 4:13-15**
 - *“...speaking the truth in love...”*
 - If we are called to speak the truth in love, how much more will God speak His truth in love?

- **Matthew 7:11**
 - *“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good gifts to those who ask Him?”*
 - We can take this concept and use it in other ways...
 - If you know how to love, how much more does God?
 - If you know how to forgive, how much more does God?
 - If you have mercy, how much more does God?

- **1 Corinthians 13:4-8**
 - *“Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.”*
 - How much more does God represent what love is or what love is not?

- **Romans 8: 15-16**
 - *“For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.”*

Pulling Scripture Apart:

- Received the Spirit of adoption
- By whom we cry out, “Abba, Father” (Which means DADDY)!
- The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are CHILDREN OF GOD

3.) Know God's Love Through STORY PLOT Scriptures

- **Genesis 3** (Adam and Even in the Garden)
- **Acts 10** (Peters Vision)

4.) BELIEVE His Love

- **Hebrews 4:2**
 - *“For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them, but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it. For we who have believed do enter rest.”*
 - In faith we need to believe that these scriptures are true about His love! Then we can enter into the true rest and assurance!

5.) When Scriptures Seem To Contradict His Love

- **My Top 4 Truths**
 1. No contradiction – God cannot contradict himself
 2. Your eyes vs. His eyes – Through whose eyes are you looking when you look at scripture? Your fleshly eyes or Gods eyes?
 3. Context – What is the context of the scripture?
 4. Tone of Voice – What tone of voice are you using when you read?

6.) When God Uses Hate in The Bible

- **Some Nuggets:**
 - God does not hate how we hate; He cannot hate with the hatred we have
 - God hates perfectly
 - God's anger is not our anger
 - When we see God's "wrath," He truly is only removing what hinders love
- **1 Corinthians 13:11-12**
 - *“When I was a child, I spoke 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 in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.”*
 - We only know in part...

7.) Determining the Root/s to Why His Love May Seem Distant

- **Questions**
 - Do you believe the fullness of His love?
 - If not, why is it hard to believe His love?
 - What is the root to this lie? (Where did the lie come from)?
 - The lie that God does not love us can come from many different roots, here are a few:
 - Your parents
 - False teachings
 - You don't "feel" His love
 - You "messed up"
 - You are angry with yourself/have not forgiven yourself
- **Sensitivity with Earthly Father**
 - What is your view of your earthly father?
 - How did he raise you, speak to you, etc.?
 - Could you be looking at your Heavenly Father as you do your earthly father?
 - Does any forgiveness need to happen with your dad?

*If led, finish with the rest of your family members. Mother, siblings, friends, etc. *At times*, broken relationships can affect how we see the Godhead. The following are just *ideas* of where the "offset" view could have come in.

- If your view of Father God is distorted = Look at earthly father relationship
- If your view of Jesus is distorted = Look at friendships and sibling relationships
- If your view of Holy Spirit is distorted = Look at mother relationship

*This topic could bring up A LOT of pain from your past and could be triggering. Please seek out a friend or counselor if you need to work through some things!

8.) Repent (if need be)

- Repent for not believing God's love for you! "I am sorry for not believing your love for me!" (You could also repent for not believing you are special, chosen, unique, etc.)!

9.) REMAIN In His Love

- **Jude 20-21**

- *“But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.”*

Pulling Scripture Apart:

1. Build yourself up in faith
 2. Pray in the Holy Spirit
 3. **KEEP YOURSELVES IN THE LOVE OF GOD**
 4. Look for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ
- Jude is stressing the importance of keeping yourself in the LOVE OF GOD! He even backs it up with the importance of looking at (reminding yourself of) His mercies! WHY? Because if we forget His love for us, it can affect us severely. DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO KEEP YOURSELVES REMINDED OF HIS LOVE (and mercies) regardless of what you have gone through/are going through.
 - What can you do to remind yourself of His love?

- **2 Thessalonians 3:5**

- *“Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ.”*
- Why? Because it changes everything once you grasp this!

10.) The Benefits Of Knowing His Love

- It changes every situation we face, sin or mess up we make, and every hardship and trial we go through. If we know that He loves us, we can face anything with His comfort.
- It will allow us to fully walk out the first and second commandment found in Matthew 22:37-38.
 - *“Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”*
 - I believe by understanding God’s love, you will then be able to do the following:
 1. Embrace God’s love for you
 2. Love Him in return
 3. Love yourself
 4. Love others

- We are to love with:
 - Our Heart
 - Our Soul (Mind, Will, Emotions)
 - Our Mind
 - Our Strength (Luke 10:27)
 - *I believe we are not to just love God this way but also ourselves and others.

- 3 Ways We Can Walk Out the Greatest Commandment

- 1. Follow 1 Corinthians 13
 - Be patient, kind, etc.
 - With GOD
 - With YOURSELF
 - With OTHERS

- 2. What to do if you struggle
 - If you are struggling in this area (a thought comes in, a negative feeling, etc.) what I do is,

“I do not partner with _____. I bless _____ with _____.”

Example: “I do not partner with jealousy. I bless Susie with a great You Tube channel!”

Example: “I do not partner with judgment. I bless Susie with perfect health, prosperity, and deep salvation.”

- 3. My “diagram/journal” exercise

Some Nuggets:

- **Our Heavenly Father**
 - We have a loving Father who does not condemn but rather uplifts
 - A Father who does not give a cold shoulder but rather embracement
 - A Father who does not stand with crisscross arms but squats low and gets to your level
- **Mike Bickle's Thoughts**
 - Ask God to show you a deeper meaning of His love for you whenever you see it in scripture
 - You can get bruised if you love without first knowing God's love for you
- **Side Notes and Credits**
 - Bill Johnson was the person I got the idea to repent for not believing God's love
 - Abi Stumvoll was the person I got the realization that God must represent the fruits of the Spirit

Next Steps

1) Take time, reflect, and bring Jesus with you in regards to this topic!

- Get Away! Go to a coffee shop, the cabin, etc.
- Make a mini retreat for yourself! Even if this is at your home!
- Then REFLECT on the material we covered. What was easy? What was hard?
- Bring Jesus with you in this! (Secret Place Ideas)

2) If you are still struggling with the concept of God's love...

- Get to the root of it (You can seek out help in this area from a friend, pastor, counselor, etc.)

3) Read and write out the scriptures on God's love

- You can make index cards or write them in your journal!
- Hang them up in your bathroom or car!

4) Speak out loud, "God Loves Me!" (I literally wake myself up to this EVERY MORNING)!