

miracle--a tiny glow of warmth deep in my soul, which grew to an all-consuming love--the love of Jesus Christ." "Dear Lord Jesus," she said, "my search to find You has led me down many paths, but when the right time came You showed me the way."

Gillian's search ended when she found Christ as her Saviour, but her need for Him had only begun. A few months later, her husband started having an affair. Their 20-year marriage eventually ended in divorce. "I've failed many times," she wrote, "but I know God's love for me is real, and I hold on to the knowledge that I am loved by Him."

The apostle Paul came to know God's love on the road to Damascus (Acts 9). And over the years he too found it to be unfailing. Nothing else could account for the amazing words he penned in today's Scripture reading.

Are you searching for God's unfailing love? It's available if you will seek Him with all your heart. --DJD

*When trials overwhelm your soul
And seem too much to bear,
Just ask the Lord to show His love,
Then trust His tender care. --Sper*

Only those who know Christ can experience God's love.



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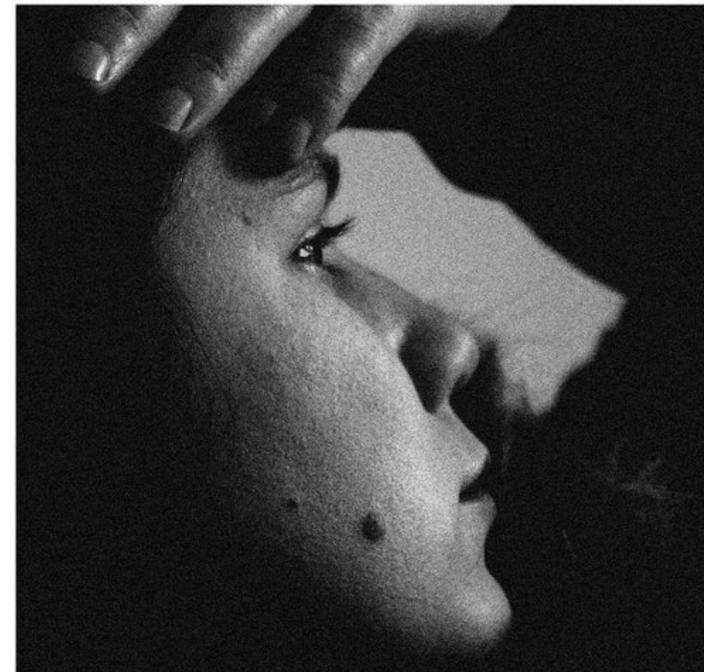
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His Unfailing Love

I am persuaded that neither death nor life . . . shall be able to separate us from the love of God. --Romans 8:38-39

When Gillian learned one Saturday morning that her daughter had been killed, she was plunged into despair. For 18 months she pleaded with God for help in her grief. "I've been told that God is love. Why won't He show me His love?" she wrote.

Then in October 1981, Gillian experienced what she refers to as "a small





Trusting God

Our Father's Love



We can highlight 4 reassuring truths about our Father's love in times of trial:

1. His love is a _____ love, Lamentations 3:33

(Ezekiel 33:11) "... 'As I live,' says the Lord GOD, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?'"

(Psalms 103:10-11) "He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor punished us according to our iniquities. {11}

For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;"

(1 John 4:9-10) "In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. {10} In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

(Romans 5:8) "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."



2. His love is a _____ love,

(John 17:20-23) "'I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; {21} 'that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, ... {22} 'And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: {23} 'I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have .. loved them as You have loved Me.'"

(Ephesians 1:3-6) "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, {4} just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, {5} having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, {6} to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved."

(Romans 8:38-39) "For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, {39} 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."

3. His love is a _____ love, Lam 3:17-22, 32-33

(Isaiah 54:10) "For the mountains shall depart And the hills be removed, But My kindness shall not depart from you, Nor shall My covenant of peace be removed," Says the LORD, who has mercy on you."

(John 15:2) "'Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit."

(Hebrews 12:10-11) "... that we may be partakers of His holiness. {11} ..., afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it."

(Job 34:5) "'... 'I am righteous, But God has taken away my justice;'"

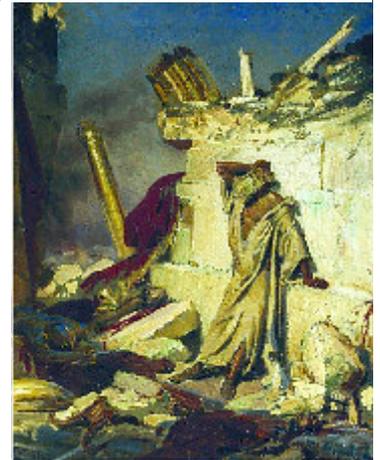
(Job 34:9) "... 'It profits a man nothing That he should delight in God.'"

(Job 40:4) "'Behold, I am vile; What shall I answer You? I lay my hand over my mouth."

(Psalms 13) "How long, O LORD? Will You forget me forever? How long will You hide Your face from me? {2}

How long shall I take counsel in my soul, Having sorrow in my heart daily? How long will my enemy be exalted over me? ..

{5} But I have trusted in Your mercy; My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation. {6} I will sing to the LORD, Because He has dealt bountifully with me."



4. His love is a _____ love,

(Zephaniah 3:17) "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.""

(1 John 4:8) "... God is love."

(Isaiah 40:11) "He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, And carry them in His bosom, And gently lead those who are with young."

(Isaiah 41:10) "Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

(Isaiah 43:2-5) "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you. {3} For I am the LORD your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior; {4} Since you were precious in My sight, You have been honored, And I have loved you; {5} Fear not, for I am with you; ...;"

(2 Corinthians 12:9) "And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

