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Chapter 6

God's Love

You have hit on one other important element of living in the kingdom of God, and that is what you say here

“We have to abide in HIS love and we will only do that if only we keep HIS commandments.”

What is to abide in His love? Is love a feeling? Is His love a feeling that comes and goes with the wind? Does His love fly with the wind? Do we abide in His love by keeping a feeling of it in our heart, or do we live by faith, and by faith we abide in His love, and if so then what is this love, how do we know we are doing it? So what is His love? Is it an attitude? Or is it the act of being loving? Or both?

How does keeping His commandments keep His loving feeling? Or do we keep His commandments only because we feel loving? What happens if we all of a sudden do not feel loving? Do we stop acting with love to those around us?

Or do we keep His commands by faith because we have a loving attitude that we create, maintain and control?

What is this thing called love anyway? We make a lot out of it, we sing about it, we talk about it, we kill for it and we save for it, but what is it?

1CO 13:1 “If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. [2] If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. [3] If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.”

1CO 13:4 “**Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. [5] It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. [6] Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. [7] It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.**”

1CO 13:8 “Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. [9] For we know in part and we prophesy in part, [10] but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. [11] When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. [12] Now

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we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.”

1CO 13:13 “And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. “

The bible says that “Love is ...” Whenever you see something in the bible that says “is” or “be”, then it is a state of mind, heart, a state of being or acting, it is the attitude that the Lord lived by and that we are to live by.

Lets summarize what love is (prentices my addition):

- 1. Love is patient (love waits, love has endless limits, love knows no ends)**
- 2. Love is kind (love is not mean or haughty)**
- 3. Love does not envy (but love is generous, love seeks pleasure in others happiness)**
- 4. Love does not boast (but love is gracious)**
- 5. Love is not proud (but love is humble and full of mercy)**
- 6. Love is not rude (but love is polite and well mannered)**
- 7. Love is not self-seeking (but love is self-less and seeking others welfare)**
- 8. Love is not easily angered (but love is full of peace)**
- 9. Love keeps no record of wrongs (love does not hold a grudge, but love forgives and forgets)**
- 10. Love does not delight in evil but love rejoices with the truth (in doing good and living Godly)**
- 11. Love always protects (love never hurts, nor is love bitter or mean; it is never revengeful)**
- 12. Love always trusts**
- 13. Love always hopes**
- 14. Love always perseveres**
- 15. Love never fails**

For Love is God and God is love. God always has a loving attitude that never changes.

If God is love and we have decided to have God in our heart, then we have the attitude of love in our heart. Then we are love, for we are with God and God is love.

Then God will write His love on our hearts, He writes this attitude on your heart.

So what is this love, it is having the attitude of wanting to act in a loving way, it is having to make the decision to have a loving attitude. The attitude that draws us to act in a loving way. Love is an action not a feeling, we can get the loving feeling as a reward for our action of obeying God and having the loving attitude, but we are not to depend on it, because it comes and goes like the wind. We must make the decision to have this attitude and live by this attitude whether we feel loving or not. We can create this attitude and maintain it and control it. It is up to us to do.

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God's love never changes, because He has decided to have it toward His children and that settles it, it never changes, because He never changes His mind. It is His decision, just like it must be our decision.

Love is an attitude and all attitudes control all of our actions. What our attitude is we are. And we control all of our attitudes, or do we?

So when we say we love you, it means that we have decided that we are going to have a loving attitude toward you, and that we will then act that way, and that way is to act loving as described above. When God says to love your enemy, He was not saying that we should have a love feeling toward them, that leads to marriage, but to have this attitude above toward them.

The true love feeling is a means that God uses to draw us to the person that could be our spouse, and that comes as a decision too. That is for another time. So for now, the love God is talking in John 14, 15, and 16 is this, the love attitude that He has for us, He wants us to have for others.

We know that we love God because we have made the decision that we will have the loving attitude and with that we will and we want to obey His commands.

The loving attitude draws us to God, for God is love and to have love is to have God, but we can only have God from faith, and faith is created by a decision to believe, to trust and to act – to have God's attitudes of being Godly.

This decision allows God to move the Holy Spirit into your heart, to anoint you and live in and with you. John 14, 15 and 16.

6.1 Look at God's Will

MT 18:18 "I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

MT 18:19 "Again, **I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by My Father in heaven.** [20] For where two or three come together in My name, there am I with them."

Lets start differently. So what does this mean? Is God giving us a scripture that will cause or force God to always obey us, because two or more Christians are gathered in His name and praying in agreement? Who are we, that God should obey us? Can we use this scripture to force God to do as we say?

I do not think so. Does it mean that if we pray in agreement that God has to heal someone, even if it is wrong for them? Who are we that God has to obey us?

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Ok then, we should always remember that God created us not that we create God, or that God created us so that we should rule over Him. Satan thought that, and he lost. Do you want to loose too?

Why did He give us this scripture then? God gave us this scripture to be used with all other scriptures together, not separately. He said that if you are one with Him then you can pray what you want and it would be done for you. John 14, 15, and 16.

Because if you where one with God, then you would know His will for that situation, and like Jesus, you would pray, the Father's will be done. Then you are one with Him. This scripture is here to encourage us to pray together, and to be one with God. If you are one with God, through the Holy Spirit, then you are gathered two in His name and He is with you. When you are with Him, the purpose is to seek insight into the Father's will, then knowing the Father's will, you can then pray His will be done, and you will have released God to do what His plan is and what His will is, and then you are one with Him and then what you pray, you can have faith in God that surely He will do it. Seeking His will fulfills the scripture:

RO 10:16 "But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" [17] **Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.** [18] But I ask: Did they not hear? Of course they did:"

For when you have received the will of God, you now have receive the word of Christ that builds the faith that moves mountains.

Does God do miracles just because you want and have prayed for it, or because you have come into agreement into the Father's will of what He wants done, and that has released God to do the miracle.

Look at this scripture:

JAS 5:13 "Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. [14] Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. [15] And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. [16] Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. **The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.**"

JAS 5:17 "Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. [18] Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops."

JAS 5:19 "My brothers, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring him back, [20] remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sins."

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It says that Elijah prayed and it stopped raining. Well what do you think the other people were doing when the rain stopped? Do you think that they just stayed at home dying of thirst and did nothing? No I can assure you that they were home praying for God to make it rain. They loved God, and they were just as earnest as Elijah, but nothing happened until Elijah prayed again. Where the others not as important as Elijah? Why did God not hear and answer their prayers to make it rain earlier?

It is because God always does God's will not man's. God knows what is best for man and He acts accordingly—this is God's compassion (not sympathy). He wanted to save His people from the evil god baal, and He knew that this was the only way that would work. So He choose a man who would put God's will first before man or his own. He choose a man who would always obey Him no matter what happened; a man who trusted God's will before he trusted man's will.

What will God do when He has prayer conflicts? One praying for rain, and the other praying for no rain? God knows the big picture, and He has always has a plan for all of His children. This is called pre-ordained, or our destiny. He has a plan for everyone, but the balancing act is to fulfill His destiny, without destroying our free will.

But like our free will, He has His free will too. So what is it that He says, you can pray and it will be done for you? He is saying that you must seek His free will, and to trust Him enough to realize that He is only thinking and wanting to do what is best for His children. Then to pray His will be done, instead of ours. Then, He will give you your hearts desire because your hearts desire is also His.

So what these scriptures are trying to get you to do is to continue to "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness". That is what they are trying to do, they are not telling you that you can control God and get Him to do what you want; they are not giving you a secret formula of getting God to do what you say, or your will, it is not magic, and no matter who sincere you are or how good you are trying to be, the scriptures are trying to get you to seek God and find out what He wants, and when you are in agreement with His will, and then you pray God's will, that will be done for you.

6.2 In YOUR Name

See my experience on this in Appendix A found in the Table of contents. You must remember, that the bible must be seen as the insight into God's will, and that it must be taken as a whole concept. Remember this:

MT 7:21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. [22] Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' [23] Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from Me, you evildoers!'

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How can the Lord not know them, if they did all of these things in the Name of the Lord? This confused me a lot. How could they be doing these good things and the Lord not know them? Well it really is easy to understand after much prayer. God says that this is how powerful His name is. It means how great God is not how good the people are that did it. God did it for His names sake, not because these people were righteous. God can use a mule to talk to the prophet, can He not use people who think they are doing the will of our Father but who were really selfish and not born again. He did it so that His name would get the Glory.

They were not born again, and so they are not saved and they are going to Hell. So He never knew them, consequently, they were not doing, in there heart, the will of our Father, but their own, and God being powerful and all knowing, knew that they would do this and He used them anyway to promote the Gospel. So God was doing His will, irregardless of what they thought that they were doing.

MT 7:24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. [25] The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. [26] But everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. [27] The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

REV 3:14 "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. [15] I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! [16] So, because you are lukewarm--neither hot nor cold--I am about to spit you out of my mouth. [17] You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. [18] I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

REV 3:19 "Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent. [20] Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with Me.

REV 3:21 "To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with Me on My throne, just as I overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. [22] He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

These people have been deceived to believe that they are going the will of God, but they are not.

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Just because a person seems to be doing miracles does not always mean that they themselves are saved. Do not be deceived. Only when they do miracles and they put God's words into practice as above, are they saved.

6.3 Deception

Now that comes to a very important part here. Just because the bible says that God does things or will do things does not mean that He will do those things always or at your will and whim. It means that we are a team with God and that He is the captain and knowing the full plan, and we do not know the full plan. How can we? Are we God? No, it is impossible to know the full plan, and seriously, if we did, we would just tell the enemy His plan, because we are so weak, and gullible, and we are so easily deceived by the cunning of the devil.

JN 15:9 "As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Now remain in My love. [10] If you obey My commands, you will remain in My love, just as I have obeyed My Father's commands and remain in His love. [11] I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. [12] My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. [13] Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. [14] **You are My friends if you do what I command. [15] I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from My Father I have made known to you.** [16] You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in My name. [17] This is My command: Love each other."

Team-ship, friends no longer servants, just acting on orders, but team we have the right to know God's will.

But rather the bible is telling us what God has done, how He did it and that we can believe Him, that He can do what He says He can do, that we can trust Him to fulfill what He promises to do, and that we can depend, expect and act on those promises.

But the key to actually working with God in His miracles and blessings is to obey Him directly. That means that you must have faith in Him and His word. But the Word only the written scriptures, and not His personal small still voice, His word in your heart? They should be both working together. One should not be without the other. Remember the devil knows the scripture as well if not better than we do.

As a reminder:

LK 4:1 "Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, [2] where for forty days He was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them He was hungry.

LK 4:3 "The devil said to Him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

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LK 4:4 "Jesus answered, "It is written: `Man does not live on bread alone.'* "

LK 4:5 "The devil led Him up to a high place and showed Him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. [6] And he said to Him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. [7] So if You worship me, it will all be Yours."

LK 4:8 "Jesus answered, "It is written: `Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.' "

LK 4:9 "The devil led him to Jerusalem and had Him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw Yourself down from here. [10] For it is written:

" `He will command His angels concerning you to guard you carefully; they will lift You up in their hands, so that You will not strike Your foot against a stone.' "

LK 4:12 "Jesus answered, "It says: `Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

LK 4:13 "When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left Him until an opportune time.

So here God was testing the Man of God to see if he would obey (stay righteous) the small still voice of the Lord. This was not scripture, this was from God's whisper, His small still voice, the man of God knew the will of God, and how to be righteous, but he believed the lye, the deception. As you see here, he was not disobeying scripture, but the message, the word of the Lord. This is included in the part of "faith comes by hearing and hearing the word of the Lord" KJ of Romans above.

He knew the will of the Lord, but his own desire to eat, enticed and deceived him to believe that God changes His mind. God never changes His mind.

6.3 Hearing His Word

As you can see, the devil can and will use the scriptures against us. He is very cunning and deceptive. We must seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness—His will, His plan, His desire, His mercy and grace—His will—not ours.

RO 10:16 "But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" [17] **Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.** [18] But I ask: Did they not hear? Of course they did:

"Their voice has gone out into all the earth,

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their words to the ends of the world."

RO 10:19 "Again I ask: Did Israel not understand? First, Moses says,

"I will make you envious by those who are not a nation;
I will make you angry by a nation that has no understanding."

RO 10:20 "And Isaiah boldly says,

"I was found by those who did not seek me;
I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me."

RO 10:21 "But concerning Israel he says,

"All day long I have held out my hands
to a disobedient and obstinate people."

RO 11:1 "I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. [2] God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Don't you know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah--how he appealed to God against Israel: [3] "Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars; I am the only one left, and they are trying to kill me" ? [4] And what was God's answer to him? "I have reserved for myself seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to baal." [5] So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace. [6] And if by grace, then it is no longer by works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace."

What is this meaning?

"Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ."

Does it mean that faith only comes from the words of the bible or what? I have found that this means **all** words of God. But many people do not believe that God talks to us personally, because we have the bible, then why are there prophets today? Or are there? I have found that the faith that moves mountains is when I obey the small still voice of the Lord in my heart. It takes both. You must have read the bible to know what to believe in, and how God does things, but only when you know the will of our Father for that specific matter will you really have the faith that moves mountains or the faith that allows God to do miracles. I had faith to go to Japan without any money, because I knew the will of God in that situation, and I could trust Him and I could depend on God to fulfill His personal promise to me. Then I could act on that promise, and that action fulfilled the faith that moves mountains and of course that is what happened.

But I did not just want something, found a scripture that says God will do it, and pushed that scripture on God and to continue badgering God until He did it. That is not true faith. That is not trusting God to love me, to have mercy on me, and to allow God to be gracious. That is

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forcing my will on God, and believe me, that is not good. You will be sitting in the pit of despair if you think that will work. Seek first the Kingdom of God, not seek first the kingdom of me.

EPH 5:3 "But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. [4] Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. [5] For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person--such a man is an idolater--has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. [6] **Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient.** [7] Therefore do not be partners with them.

EPH 5:8 "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light [9] (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) [10] and find out what pleases the Lord. [11] Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. [12] For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. [13] But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, [14] for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said:

"Wake up, O sleeper,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you."

EPH 5:15 "Be very careful, then, how you live--**not as unwise but as wise**, [16] **making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. (Berkeley version says, "... for time is short")** [17] **Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.** [18] Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. [19] Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, [20] always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Then:

MT 8:3 "Jesus reached out His hand and touched the man. **"I am willing,"** He said. "Be clean!" Immediately he was cured of his leprosy. [4] Then Jesus said to him, "See that you don't tell anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

This is how it is always done. Seeking God's will.

MT 9:12 "On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. [13] But go and learn what this means: **'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.'** For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

MT 10:11 "Whatever town or village you enter, search for some worthy person there and stay at his house until you leave. [12] As you enter the home, give it your greeting. [13] If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace

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return to you. [14] If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake the dust off your feet when you leave that home or town. [15] I tell you the truth, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town. [16] I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.

MT 10:17 "Be on your guard against men; they will hand you over to the local councils and flog you in their synagogues. [18] On My account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. [19] But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, [20] **for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.**"

MT 10:21 "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. [22] All men will hate you because of Me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. [23] When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. I tell you the truth, you will not finish going through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

MT 10:24 "A student is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. [25] It is enough for the student to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebub, how much more the members of his household!"

When you read the bible for miracles you will see that all of them only occurred **after** they found God's will in it, and that God was willing to do it.

All of the miracles that God has done in my life, only came after I sought out His will in the matter, and when we agreed, then my earnest prayer worked and not before. I have not always had my prayers answered the way I prayed, but they were always answered that way that was best for me, again showing God's compassion.. I always trusted God that He was doing the best for that situation, and depended on Him to do what was best.

So no matter what the scriptures might say, they are all preceded by, "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness." They are saying to believe in God, and find out what His will is, then act on it—be obedient to His will, willingly, lovingly and with humility.

The scriptures show you and teach you the Kingdom of God. When you seek this, the answer usually comes from the scriptures, but when you seek His righteousness, it is seeking His will in the matter, and then acting on what His will is. When you fulfill His will, you are now considered being righteous. You have fulfilled that part of Seeking His righteousness. The fulfillment of faith is only accomplished when you complete these two parts, Seek first the Kingdom of God and seek first His righteousness, then when you have done this, you know the will of our Father in your heart and when you pray that with your faith, then act on it, it will be done, because now you are one with God. You have heard, like the others of the bible when they asked Jesus if He was willing, and Him said,

“I will, I am willing.”

You have now heard the message or word of God in your heart, and nothing will stop that from being fulfilled except you. Stand on that **Word** until death, and God will be always faithful to you.

JAS 4:13 “Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.” [14] Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. [15] Instead, you ought to say, **“If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that.”** [16] As it is, you boast and brag. All such boasting is evil. [17] Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.”

Always remember Faith comes from two parts,

1. Seek first the Kingdom of God—seek out how God does things
2. Seek first His righteousness—seek out the will of God

Appendix A

Child's LOVE

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4- to 8-year-olds, “What does love mean?” The answers they got were broader and deeper than anyone could have imagined. See what you think:

“When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore, so my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love.”

Rebecca - age 8

“When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You know that your name is safe in their mouth.”

Billy - age 4

“Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other.”

Karl - age 5

“Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs.”

Chrissy - age 6

“Love is what makes you smile when you're tired.” Terri - age 4

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"Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK."

Danny - age 7

"Love is when you kiss all the time. Then when you get tired of kissing, you still want to be together and you talk more. My Mommy and Daddy are like that. They look gross

when they kiss."

Emily - age 8

"Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen," Bobby - age 7 (Wow!)

"If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate." Nikka - age 6

"There are two kinds of love. Our love. God's love. But God makes both kinds of them." Jenny - age 8

"Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it every day."

Noelle - age 7

"Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well." Tommy - age 6

"During my piano recital I was on a stage and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore."

Cindy - age 8

"My mommy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night." Clare - age 6

"Love is when Mommy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken." Elaine - age 5

"Love is when Mommy sees Daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford." Chris - age 7

"Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day."

Mary Ann - age 4

"I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones." Lauren - age 4

"When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you." Karen - age 7

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"Love is when Mommy sees Daddy on the toilet and she doesn't think it's gross."
Mark - age 6

"You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget." Jessica - age 8

And the final one -- Author and lecturer Leo Buscaglia once talked about a contest he was asked to judge. The purpose of the contest was to find the most caring child. The winner was a four-year-old child whose next-door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his Mother asked him what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said, "Nothing, I just helped him cry."

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