

Mission Discipleship



MISSION:LOVE

*Live loved..This e-book will help remind you
about how much God loves you and how
He wants you to love others.*

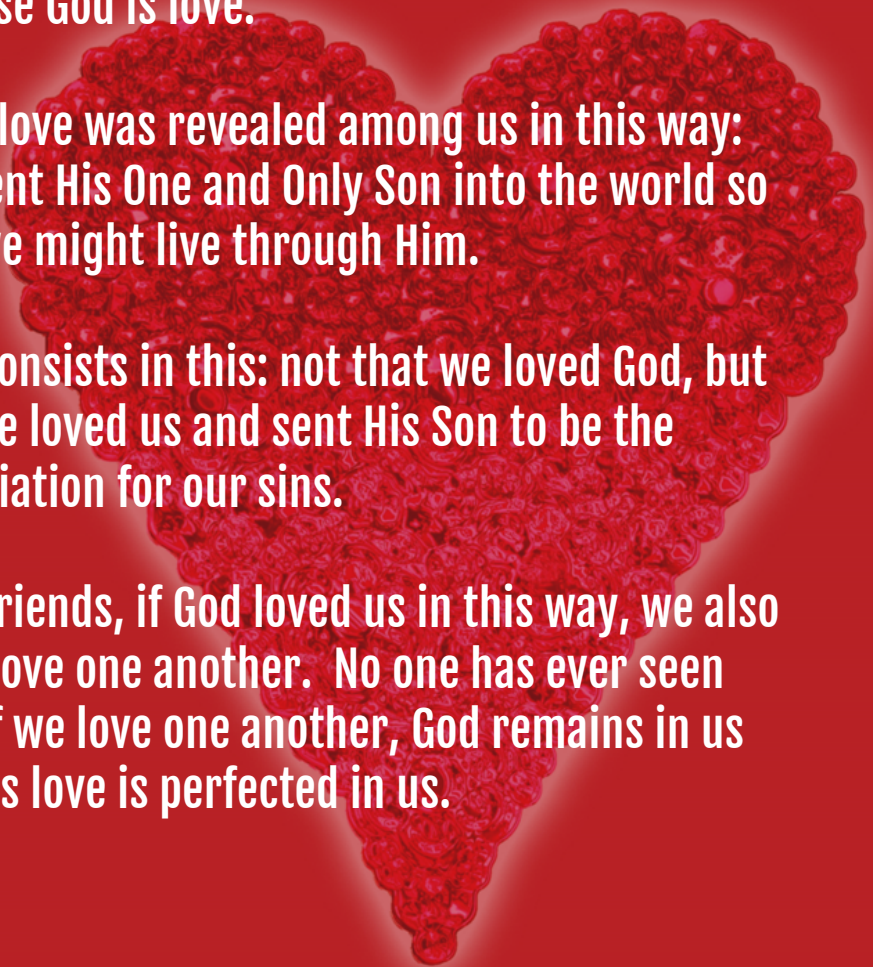
Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent His One and Only Son into the world so that we might live through Him.

Love consists in this: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Dear friends, if God loved us in this way, we also must love one another. No one has ever seen God. If we love one another, God remains in us and His love is perfected in us.



God is Love

God chose to describe Himself as Love. Love isn't just sentimental hearts and flowers. Love is a raging torrent rushing toward union.

Love is a river tumbling irresistibly toward the ocean. Love is messy, troublesome, dangerous and very consuming. Love has been described as not only the desire to possess, but the desire to be possessed. Is God really like that? We must realize that God doesn't play word games. Love emerged in humankind as a result of our being made in the image of God. The bond of love produced a family, and by doing so, humankind. Why does God want to identify with human bonding? Because He wants us to understand that it's in His nature to bond with us. That's what Yeshua/ Jesus accomplished on the cross. Because God first loved us and gave His only Son to die for us we're restored into relationship with Him and able to obey His commandments to love Him and love each other.

Love isn't only found in the words that we speak.

Real love is seen in our self-sacrificial actions.

At times the term love is misapplied. People are said to love everything from fame, fortune, power, prestige to the latest fashion, movie, TV show, rock star or novel. Loving the things of the world put us at enmity with God. These false loves are based on compulsion and greed. They focus our energies on the acquisition of things as a means of satisfying ourselves. Only in our pursuit of a love for God do we find true satisfaction and contentment. In false love the spirit withers. In true love we find life and peace. Since God is a God of steadfast love and faithfulness, we too are called to walk in this kind of love. True love directed towards loving God and loving our neighbors as ourselves.

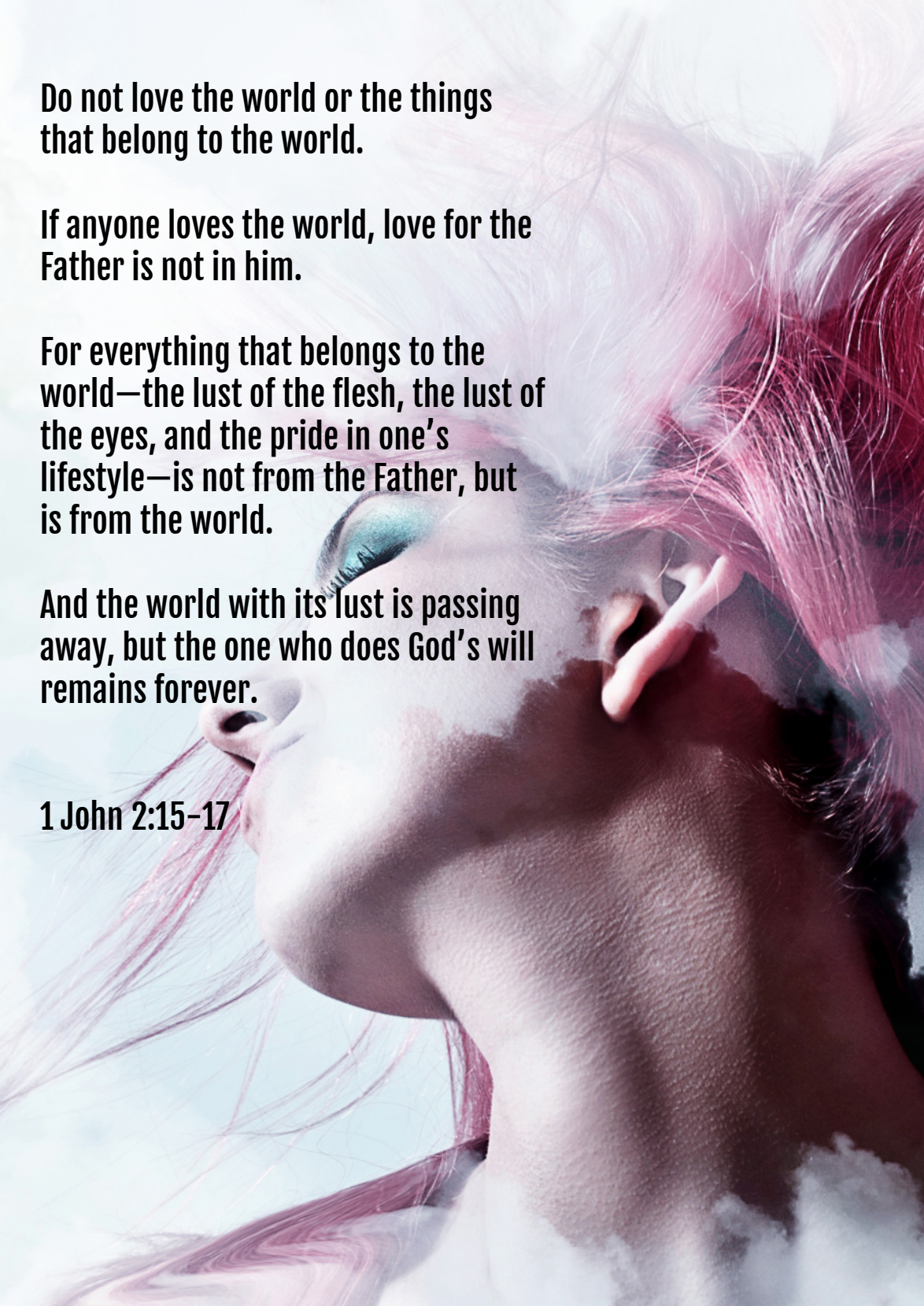
**Do not love the world or the things
that belong to the world.**

**If anyone loves the world, love for the
Father is not in him.**

**For everything that belongs to the
world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of
the eyes, and the pride in one's
lifestyle—is not from the Father, but
is from the world.**

**And the world with its lust is passing
away, but the one who does God's will
remains forever.**

1 John 2:15-17





The Passion of Christ calls for disciples of the cross.

They form the true community of God's people. Shunning strife and divisiveness, they are like the Lamb, who did not retaliate or insist on His rights, but endured and loved.

The world can tell they are His disciples by their love for one another, expressed in unity.

This is the bond linking true disciples of the cross. It transcends national and denominational barriers.



They may not be aware of each other's existence, they may never meet; yet when they do, there is an immediate affinity. They instinctively recognize each other because they all bear a cross.

They are close to Jesus and close to one another, drawn by the same love for the Lamb of God.

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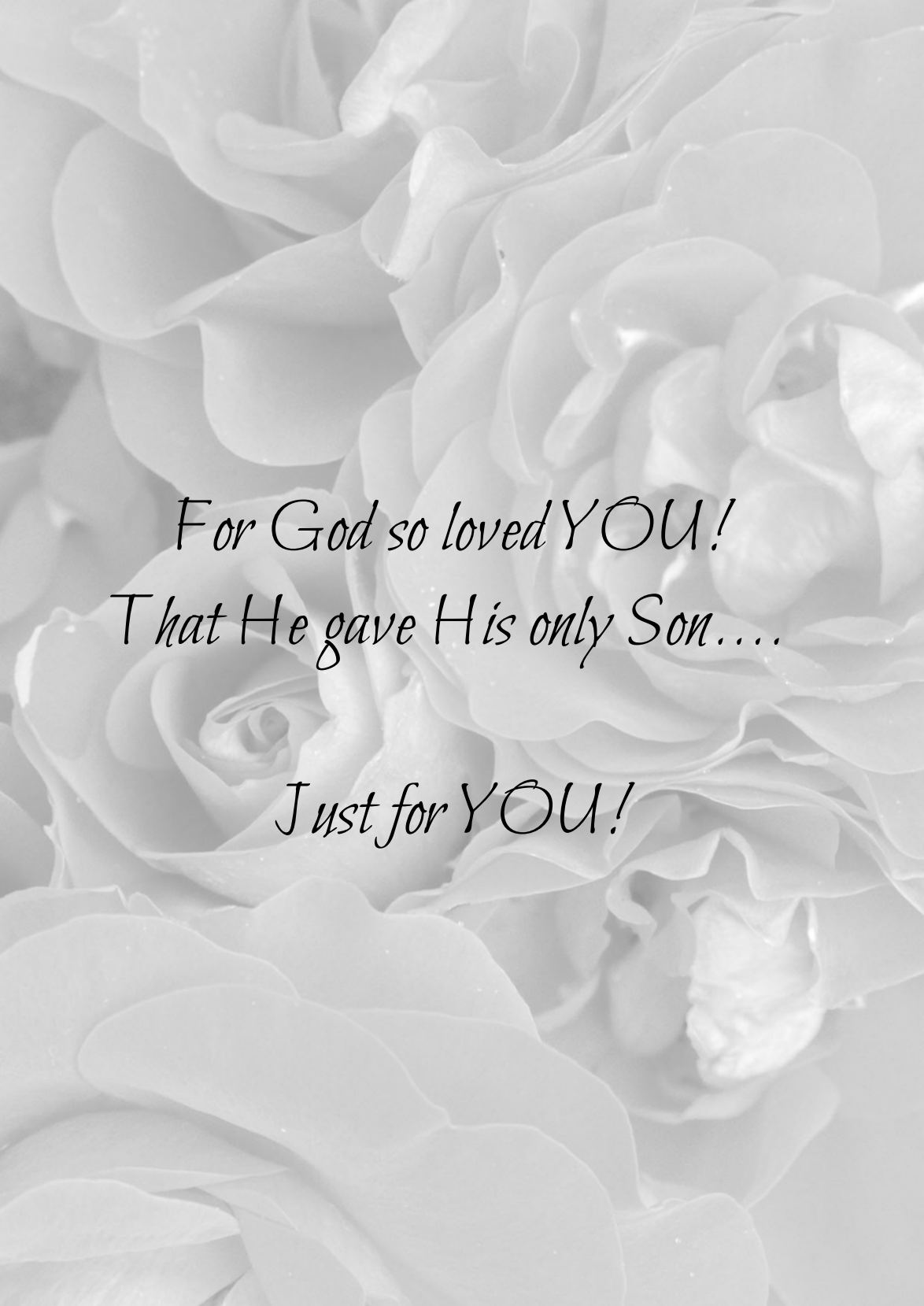
Lord, let this be true of me!



*For God loved the world in this way:
He gave His One and Only Son, so that
everyone who believes in Him will not perish
but have eternal life.*

*For God did not send His Son into the world
that He might condemn the world, but that
the world might be saved through Him.*

John 3:16-17



*For God so loved Y^OU!
That He gave His only Son....*

Just for Y^OU!

So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world.

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

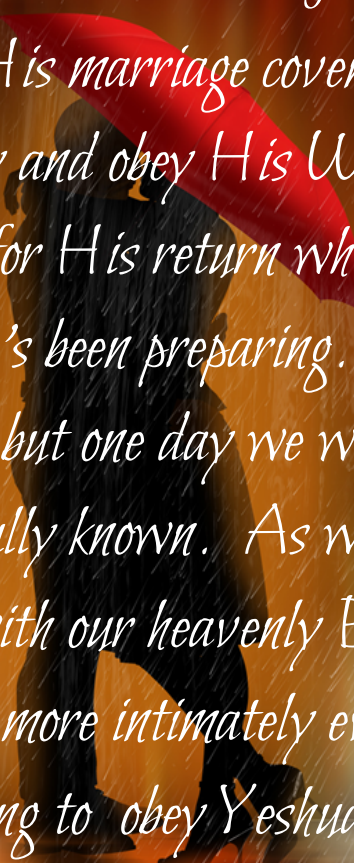
(1 John 4:16-21)

LOVE

~ KNOW ~ BELIEVE ~ ABIDE ~

= NO FEAR =

... LOVE ...

A romantic scene of a couple walking in the rain. The man is wearing a dark suit and the woman is wearing a dark dress. They are holding a large red umbrella. The background is a warm, orange-red glow, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. Rain is falling all around them, creating a soft, hazy atmosphere.

Messiah's love for us is like that of a perfect husband for His bride. He died for us and His blood established His marriage covenant with us. Now, as we study and obey His Word, we prepare ourselves for His return when He'll take us to the home He's been preparing. Yes, we see in a glass dimly now but one day we will truly know, as we have been fully known. As we develop our love relationship with our heavenly Bridegroom we seek to know Him more intimately every day. Our heart's longing to obey Yeshua/Jesus' command to Love God with all our heart, soul and mind sets our affections and attention on Him and we're being transformed into His image so that we'll become a suitable Bride for our Heavenly

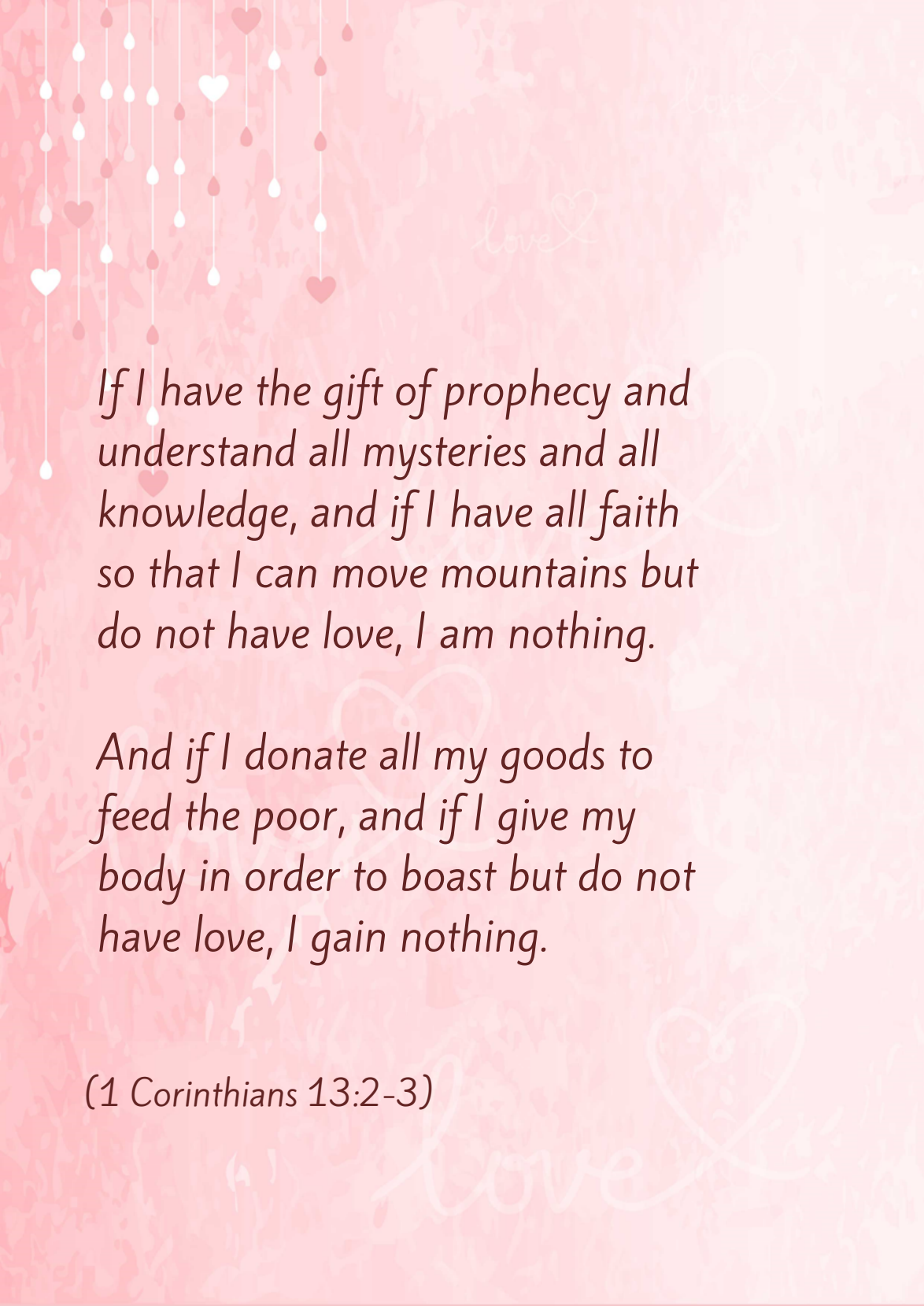


Now as the church submits to Christ,
so wives are to submit to their husbands
in everything.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ
loved the church and gave Himself for her
to make her holy, cleansing her with the
washing of water by the word.

He did this to present the church to
Himself in splendor, without spot
or wrinkle or anything like that,
but holy and blameless.

(Ephesians 5:24-27)



*If I have the gift of prophecy and
understand all mysteries and all
knowledge, and if I have all faith
so that I can move mountains but
do not have love, I am nothing.*

*And if I donate all my goods to
feed the poor, and if I give my
body in order to boast but do not
have love, I gain nothing.*

(1 Corinthians 13:2-3)



Love is patient, love is kind.

**Love does not envy,
is not boastful, is not conceited,
does not act improperly,
is not selfish, is not provoked,
and does not keep a record of wrongs.**

**Love finds no joy in unrighteousness
but rejoices in the truth.**

**It bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.**

(1 Corinthians 13:4-7)



When the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they came together. And one of them, an expert in the law, asked a question to test Him: "Teacher, which command in the law is the greatest?"

He said to him, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and most important command. The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.. All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands."

(Matthew 22:34-37)



A close-up photograph of two hands, one from the left and one from the right, reaching towards each other. Their fingers are positioned to form a heart shape, with the tips of the index and middle fingers touching at the top and the thumbs meeting at the bottom. The hands are silhouetted against a bright, glowing sunset or sunrise. The sun is a large, bright yellow-orange orb in the upper center, with its light creating a strong lens flare and illuminating the entire scene. The sky is a mix of warm orange, yellow, and red tones. The overall mood is romantic, hopeful, and spiritual.

*“If you love Me,
you will
keep My commands.”*

(John 14:15)

A vibrant red heart, possibly made of wood or a similar material, is positioned in the lower half of the frame. It sits on a light-colored wooden surface with a prominent vertical grain. A sharp, dark shadow of the heart is cast to its right. In the upper right, a dark, circular knot in the wood is visible. A large, dark shadow of a hand is cast from the left side of the frame. The website address 'www.missiondiscipleship.org' is written in white, sans-serif font across the middle of the image, partially overlapping the heart and the wooden background.

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