



I met God in the morning
When my day was at its best,
And His presence came like sunrise,
Like a glory in my breast.

All day long the Presence lingered,
All day long He stayed with me,
And we sailed in perfect calmness
O'er a very troubled sea.

Other ships were blown & battered,
Other ships were sore distressed,
But the winds that seemed to drive
them
Brought to us a peace & rest.

Then I thought of other mornings,
With a keen remorse of mind,
When I too had loosed the
moorings,
With the Presence left behind.

So I think I know the secret,
Learned from many a troubled way:
You must seek Him in the morning
If you want Him through the day!

--Ralph Spaulding Cushman

JOB 19:25 For I know that
my redeemer liveth, and that
he shall stand at the latter
day upon the earth:

JOB 33:4 The spirit of God
hath made me, and the
breath of the Almighty hath
given me life.

JOB 36:10 He openeth also
their ear to discipline, and
commandeth that they
return from iniquity.

JOB 36:26 Behold, God is
great, and we know him not,
neither can the number of
his years be searched out.

JOB 37:2 Hear attentively
the noise of his voice, and the
sound that goeth out of his
mouth.

JOB 6:24 Teach me, and I
will hold my tongue: and
cause me to understand
wherein I have erred.

JOB 5:17 Behold, happy is
the man whom God
correcteth: therefore despise
not thou the chastening of
the Almighty.

Job

“Oh, God’s love is rich and pure and measureless; it reaches all.” I sing to you now of love rich and deep. I can see the mercy and love of our Lord and Maker now, though I didn’t always realise it on Earth. There is so much more to the Lord than you will ever come to experience or to learn about while on Earth, in your short lifetime.

What I did realise and come to understand, was so, so infinitesimal compared to all there will ever be to know about Him. I don’t think any one human will fully comprehend all there is about Him. I’m still finding out new things every day.

See, if you look to Him for His guidance, and you get His thoughts on the day to day matters, you learn more about how He thinks, and what He is like. And when you reach the end of your life there, and you embrace a more joyous life in the realm above, you will see, like the prophet John the Beloved did, that God is, primarily, a God of love. But to get to that point where He can really show us all the love that He wants to, we might have to go through a few hard times. This makes His love all the more enjoyed, and understood.

Some aspects of love can only shine when the opposite is known. To know mercy, a type of love, one has to need to be forgiven, and needs to feel hurt and shame and sorrow and even a bit of fear, dreading the consequences of their wrong doings.

To know the love of a companion that enjoys being with you, and to fully appreciate it, you need to be a bit lonesome and feel neglected and rejected by others who don’t have that same eternal love. That is when you deeply cherish and greatly appreciate God’s companion love, when He promises that He will never leave nor forsake you, and He is with you always.

To know the love of God in as many ways as you can, you might have to go through some hard times, for it is only in that context where it really makes sense.

So be glad for this time on Earth where things aren’t always so picture perfect, or you get hurt, or are sick, or sad, or whatever. Reach out for the love of God, and hold on to it. It will always

be there for you, and in a special way, just right for what you are needing to learn about Him.

What did you learn about Jesus today? Pursue a companionship with Him, and see what you can get to know about Him.

Did He chasten you about something that was displeasing to Him? Good. Then you learned something special about Him, and know one more way to make Him happy—by heeding to His gentle corrections and guidance.

Did you experience a healing touch from Heaven today when you prayed? Wonderful! Then you know firsthand what His power can do, and how carefully He tends to you. Nothing escapes His knowledge. Did you make a mistake and seek His forgiveness, and hear Him tell you some tips for managing life a bit more in His Spirit? Great. You are getting to know Him. And I can assure you, that you won’t regret one tiny bit of knowledge that you gain, even if it does come with a cost.

Those who know their God will gain strength in their life, rather than breaking down and getting weaker. Knowledge of the Holy will build you up.

Proverbs 9:10 *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.*

Proverbs 9:11 *For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased.*

Seek the face of Jesus today, and pry into His thoughts, begging for Him to let you know something that He is thinking and feeling. Plead for it, and don’t leave His side until He shares something special with you—like begging for food from His table, crumbs even. But even a crumb from God’s table will take a lifetime to digest, for every word of God nourishes and can keep nourishing you day by day. Ask for more, and keep learning more about what He has already shared with you.

Hunger deeply after righteousness. Never leave the table of the Lord, your time spent with Him daily, empty. You go away empty if you weren’t hungry and open to hear what He wanted to tell you.

Stay with Him until He has fed you with something special. He has lots of special treats, and great ideas, and comforting thoughts, and gifts of peace and joy and healing. There will always be something that perks you up and makes you a better person, because you stopped to “learn of Him”.

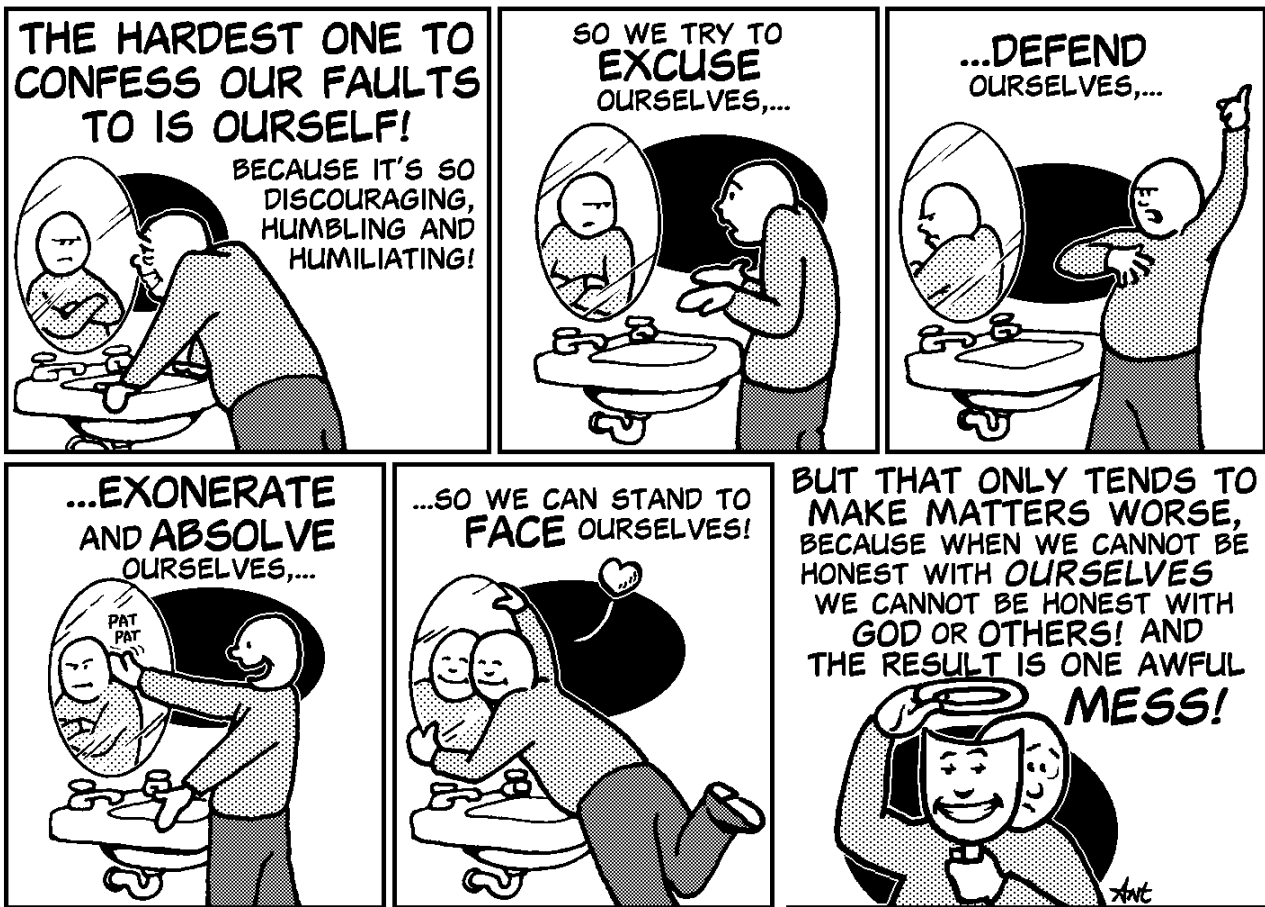
“More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold.” (Psalm 19:10)

Matthew 11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

When you desire to have the love of Jesus deep in your soul, more than money in your pocket, that is when a special relationship starts to form, for you have put the best thing first.

He takes care of you from then on, and you truly don't lack. And any times of seeming lack, just make His love gifts and His loving care seem all the sweeter. You'll enjoy Heaven so much more if you have endured a bit of hardship now on this planet.

Praise God. His love and mercy go on forever—and so do His children. They live on and on with Him. I'm looking forward to meeting you and talking some things over. I know you have questions, lots of them. We'll have some good talks later, okay? Cheers and God bless you in every way, as you choose to please Him.



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Only Christians are the children of God! All others have no right whatsoever to any claim at all in any way, shape, or form, to any of the blessings, promises, inheritance, or birthright of God's children, the true Christian believers in Jesus Christ! "All things are yours in Christ Jesus," only!

You see, if you're trusting so much in your own righteousness, your own perfection, it almost becomes impossible to confess your own mistakes and shortcomings, because it destroys your own self-confidence, and it nearly shatters your own self-reliance, because it proves you're not perfect but you hate to even admit it to yourself.

Praise the Lord! Only God can save us! We certainly don't know how to save ourselves!

The Church always has to be called out (drop out)--always has to be separated! As soon as the old group grows stale and stagnates, He always has to bring along some new group--the new dropouts!

It's like someone has said, "God has no grand-children! There's no such thing as second generation Christians! Every new generation either has to drop out or cop out--one or the other; bring forth new buds, or die on the vine and become dead!"

Only the Kingdom of God is everlasting! God Himself had to wipe out His own creation in the flood to purge the world so it would live long enough to finish His Plan--or He would have had to destroy it long ago--and one of these days, He will have to destroy it! The old earth must pass away, that we may have the New Heaven and the New Earth, and the New City, built by God.

As we've told you before, all things change. If there's one thing we can be sure of, it's change--in this life!

--Pastor David (1919-1994)

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

Revelation 3:7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

Revelation 3:8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

(Part 1)

JESUS SAYS:

When you are very tired, it's hard to think of taking just one more step to do yet another thing. That is why I open doors for you. I make things as easy as possible so that all you have to do is step through them. You don't have to push and push, trying to get doors to open—and people to change their minds, or offer you their help.

Why do I do that? Even though effort is good for you, when I see you have done all you can, then I give you a gentleman's help and open the door for you. And I love to help make it easy for you when I see that you have "kept My Word", that is to say, obeyed and kept on obeying what I said to do, even if it cost you some persecution. When you aren't ashamed to call Me your Lord and King and be called by My name—that is to say you are in My family, the royal priesthood, the close ones to God—then I say, "walk right through" "come on in", "welcome", "be My guest", "my all means, do enter".

When people have a passport with their name, and it says what land they are from, they can enter free of charge to that country; they belong there. The door isn't shut for them.

So is it with you, when you show your name—that the name of God is on your heart and you are saved by calling on the Name of the Lord your God, and you don't deny your association with Me, then I open new doors for you. I open doors of blessing and pour out the goodness of Heaven on to you. I open doors of second chances and opportunities for your to declare your faith. Then at last I will open the doors to Heaven, the doors to the home of your heavenly Father will be open, as you'll walk through those pearly gates.

"Well done," you'll be told as you enter paradise. "Come, blessed of My Father; come on in through the doors." I know your works, what you do and don't do, and you will be rewarded with good for each thing you have done in obedience to Me. Be faithful. I'll see you soon, okay? And until then, keep a look out for the doors I'm going to open for you, and don't miss the chance to walk through and do what I lead you to, while there on Earth.

You won't always feel strong. You won't always have great faith. You won't always feel capable of declaring My name very boldly. You will get weary and tired. But just be faithful to call out My name; ask for My help, and I will help you get up and keep on going. Just a bit further, one step at a time; it won't be long now. Keep showing people the way to the doors to Heaven, the way to My heart, getting to know Me.

I want to use you to open the doors of people's hearts, and there are lots of ways you can do this. I'll show you one you can do today. It might seem like a small thing, but little doors can lead to big places. Help people open up their heart's doors to Me, so that when they come to the end of their life on Earth I will be able to open the door of heaven to them. I never turn away those who have kept My Word and have called on the name of the Lord for their salvation.

Can you imagine how hard, how very sad it would be if one of your relatives living in a faraway country finally was coming to where you were, but because they didn't have the right visa they had to be turned away at the border and sent back from where they came? What if it happened to be your job to be the border police, to let or not let someone in? You'd have to turn away someone you loved and wished to be with.

What if you had prepared a really nice place for them and all these nice activities you were going to have fun doing together, and the long times of chatting and fellowshiping you looked forward to having—but it all wasn't possible, because they didn't obey and get the correct visa they needed to enter the country. You'd all be very sad.

So those who refuse to get their proper visa to Heaven, will meet with a closed door, sadly. Very sadly, as I have so much prepared and so much that they would really like to be enjoying. But they have to take on My Name, and be doer's of My Word. Doors stay open for the obedient ones.

HOW HE SAID HELLO

Here in South Korea, where I'm stationed, I recently met Ms. Kyong Cha Lee, a woman who had suffered a terrible loss. Ms. Lee's house, like many older homes in Korea, is heated by large charcoal briquettes placed under the floor. During a cold spell last Spring this primitive heating system malfunctioned, spreading poisonous carbon monoxide fumes throughout the house, almost killing Ms. Lee.

She lay in the hospital in a coma for days, with her family at her bedside. When she finally awoke, they were too grieved to tell her the extent of her loss. But she astonished them when she said she already knew her two children had been killed in the tragedy.

"The doctor told me when he came to look after me," she explained.

"What doctor?" they asked.

"The doctor who prayed by my side and promised that God would watch over me."

They assured her they had seen no such visitor and they had been with her constantly. The physician must have been a dream, they said. When Ms. Lee was well enough to go home, she was making her way out of the hospital when she caught sight of a portrait in the lobby.

"There," she said, "that's the doctor who came to my bedside. What is his name?"

"Jesus Christ," came the answer.

—By Sam Nix

The following was related and vouched for by the late Robert Young, the missionary:

"While residing in a British colony as a Christian missionary, I was called one evening to visit Miss D---, who was said to be dying. Mrs. Young, by whom she was met weekly for religious instruction, feeling a deep interest in her spiritual welfare, accompanied me to her residence. We found her in the chamber of a neat little cottage, exceedingly ill, but confiding in the merits of Jesus. [Later, when she was healed:] After being sufficiently recovering to leave the house, she paid us a visit, Mrs. Young, as well as myself, heard from her own lips the following account of what she had passed through.

"She informed us that at the time she was supposed to die, a celestial being conducted her into the invisible world, and mysteriously unveiled to her the realities of eternity. He took her first to heaven, but she was told that, as she yet belonged to time, she could not be permitted to enter into that glorious place, but only to behold it; which she represented as infinitely exceeding in beauty and splendour the most elevated conceptions of mortals, and whose glories no language could describe.

"She told us that she beheld the Saviour upon a throne of light and glory, surrounded by the four-and-twenty elders, and a great multitude which no man could number; among whom she recognized patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and all the missionaries who had died in that colony, besides many others whom she mentioned; and although those parties were not named by the angel that attended her, yet she said that seeing them was to know them.

"She described these celestial spirits as being variously employed; and, although she felt herself inadequate to convey any definite idea of the nature of that employment, yet it appeared to be adapted to their respective mental tastes and spiritual attainments.

"She also informed us that she heard sweet and most enrapturing music, such as she had never heard before, and made several attempts to give us some idea of its melodious character, but found her notes too earthly for that purpose.

"While thus favoured, the missionaries already referred to, and other happy spirits, as they glided past her, sweetly smiled, and said they knew whence she came, and, if faithful to the grace of God, she would, in a short time, be admitted into their delightful society. All the orders of heaven were in perfect and blessed harmony, and appeared to be directed in all their movements by mysterious influence, proceeding from the throne of God."

---From: Remarkable Answers to Prayer (Compiled by S.B. Shaw)

Master's Arts

Resting in the Lord—Loving, Learning, Labouring, and Living with Him; Letting Him do it through us

The Master says:

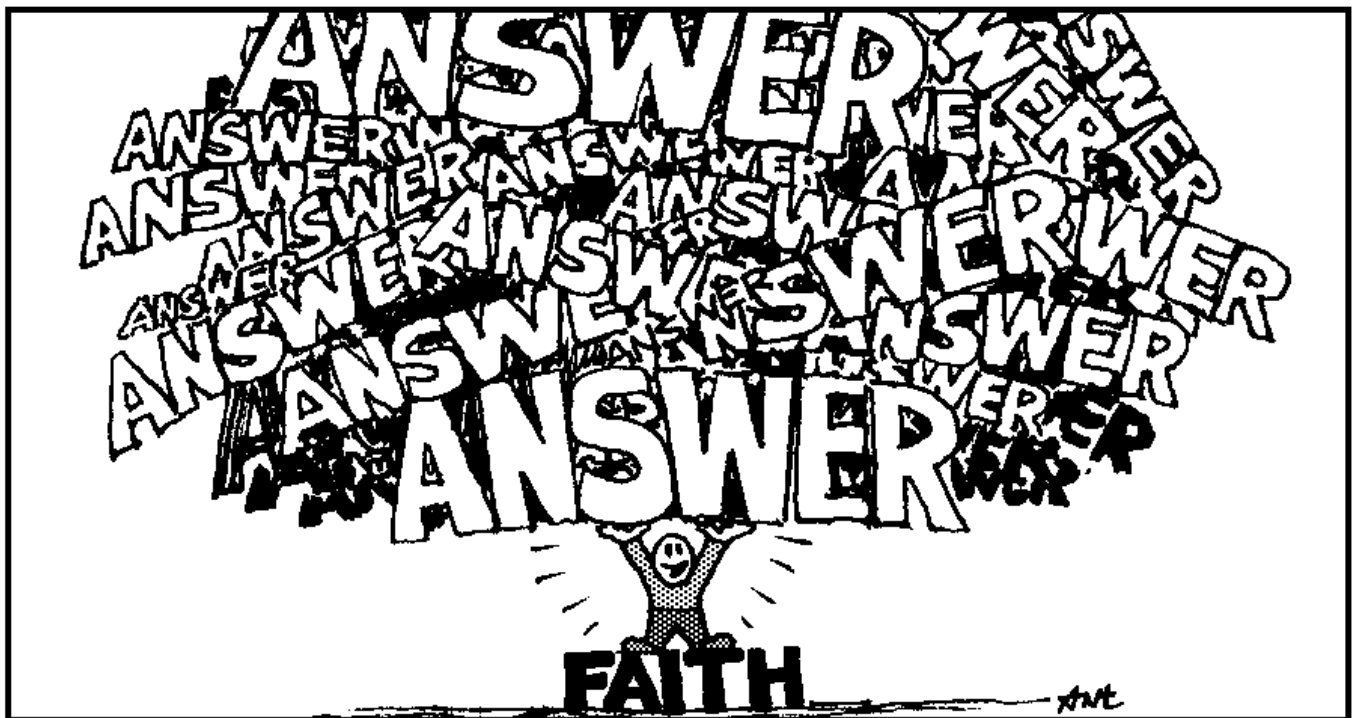
When a glass is filled with water and it is settled on a table, you know the next sip will be there for you to drink. It's not going to spill out, or leak out, or jump out. Right? When you are settled on My promises, and have faith, then you are at peace in your heart. You are there for the thirsty, a vessel filled with My Words. But if you are turning around and upside down in rush and stressed, rolling all over and around, doing this project and then the next—looking more like a rolling pin that is flattening the dough than a tall drinking glass—people aren't going to be refreshed by what you could be offering them. And most of all you'll be empty and unable to be filled with what is good.

So take time to just sit still, time to rest, time to be filled up. And then let Me move you onto the right place, the right table, where you can be a blessing. You don't have to try to run here and there in your own strength. Just tell Me to place you where you ought to be, and then be settled in heart and mind. Stay upright, with your open mind facing upward to Heaven. I'll lead people to you, and they can drink of the water of God's Word that I've poured into you. It will come out your mouth and out your eyes and out your smile and out the words that you write. "Be still and know that I am God." "Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters." "He leadeth me beside the still waters." "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you." (Psalm 46:10; Isaiah 55:1; Psalm 23:2; John 14:27)

From Jesus With Love

Take time with Me, together. Take time reading My Word together, praying together, seeking Me together. Take time in open communication, expressing your desires. Do you have a desire to become more unified as a family? Talk about it. Do you feel you need My blessings spiritually and financially? Talk about it. Come before Me together as a family, and I will pour out My healing balm upon you and your household. I will pour out My blessings and My supply.

Set aside all that you think about one another, and instead focus on Me together. Love Me together. Praise Me together. Sing to Me together. Worship Me together. Adore Me together. Seek My face together. Cry out to Me together. And I will fill you together. I will be one with you together, and we will be a three-fold cord together.



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INSPIRED STORIES FROM ABOVE

From “Story Time with the Master”

The Little Pin



A little girl dropped a pin. She was in the middle of sewing.

“Oh, dear! Where did it go? If I don’t find it, I may step on it. All because of my mistake, now I may get hurt, or cause someone else to get hurt.”

It was really troubling her to think about it.

She wished she always did everything right, especially when doing things wrong, or mistakenly, caused her a lot of trouble.

Why can’t I just be perfect? She wondered.

Just then her mother came in to see how things were going. She was making some doll clothes for a friend who had recently lost a loved one to an illness. She wanted to cheer up her friend with this gift. It was taking more time and effort than she thought it would, but it was fun at the same time.

“Do you need any help?” her mother asked.

“I just can’t find the pin that fell somewhere around here. I’m really worried that my younger brother or I might get hurt,” the girl explained.

“Let’s sit down and pray. I’m sure the One Who made us, can help us find it. He can fix things before they get to be bigger problems, if we’ll just ask Him.” At mother’s suggestion the girl did just that.

“Dear Lord, I’m trying to make something nice, but I just keep making silly mistakes. Please help me to find where the pin has fallen, and also help me to make these clothes for my friend’s dolly to wear. I can’t do big things that help many millions of people, but if you Lord can help me at least do a little job to make even one person know they are cared for, then I’m happy. But I need Your help, obviously.”

As soon as she opened her eyes after praying, right then the pin seemed to appear, or was at least easily visible to the girl. With a big smile she picked it up and showed her mother.

Mother was pleased. It made her happy that her daughter had learned the importance of working together with Jesus when doing a job to show His love to others. The goal wasn’t to never make mistakes, but to pray more often and listen to what Jesus had to say. Every mistake could make things better, if she—and everyone else—used them to stop and pray and listen to the Lord.

Mother then helped her daughter to cut out the next piece of cloth that would be used in the sewing project, and helped to thread the needle for her too. This made things go faster, and it was like no time was lost at all, because she got extra help.

A few days later it was her friend's birthday. She hadn't planned to have it ready to give her on her birthday, but that is just when it happened to be ready. That way it was even more fun for her friend.

"What if I never made any of the mistakes...?" the girl pondered. "It may have been ready a lot sooner, but I wonder if it would have been as fun? I think it all worked out; all of it. I learned so much, and the timing was just perfect."

Her friend hugged and thanked her, and said with a big smile, "How did you know I wanted this? I just prayed yesterday for new clothes for my dolly? My prayer got answered so soon!"

Now it was the girl's turn to be surprised. She hadn't known. But the Someone who knows all things did, and planned it all in advance—even giving the maker of the gift time to learn some lessons, make some mistakes, and still have it all ready at just the right time; in time for the prayer to be answered when it was needed.

The girls went off to play with their dolls, and plan another deed of kindness to do for someone else, somewhere else—all in secret. They knew the Lord would show them just what, and when and how to do it. It would all work out perfectly well when they chose to show love and work in teamwork with the most Loving One Who told them to "love one another."

PRAISE

Your love, Jesus, reaches down. It touches my heart. I'm renewed! Each day with You is all fresh and new and bright. I'm so happy that this is never, ever going to end, because without You, there is nothing for me. Help me to see things the way You do. Help me not to get so caught up with the things of this world that I only see the present troubles and afflictions. Help me to see beyond today. When I feel my heart is being squeezed, help me to remember that You're only making my heart and life more pleasing in Your sight, and better able to love You and others. Please continue to do the things that will draw me closer to You and cause me to love You more, because there is nothing in the world that I want more than to love You with all that is within me.

