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I Will...Love You

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Today's Scripture: Romans 8:35-39

³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:

“For Your sake we are killed all day long;
We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.”

³⁷ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. ³⁸ 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.

WHAT IF THE ONE WHO LOVES YOU MOST IS THE LORD?

- *“God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God and God in him.” I John 4:16*
- When you think of the Lord, remember His love for you
- *“Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them, for of such is the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 19:14*
- *“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.” I Cor 13:4-7*
- If you want to experience real love, you have to focus on giving more than receiving

I WILL LOVE YOU AND TAKE THE INITIATIVE

- *“In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sin.” I John 4:10*
- God loved you first. He did not wait until you loved Him, or proved that you deserved to be loved, He simply chose to love you

- *“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8*
- When it comes to love, the Lord always takes the initiative
- Jesus Christ, who does not need anything you could give Him, has chosen to love you, and when you experience His love personally, it changes everything

I WILL LOVE YOU WITH AN ENDURING LOVE

- *“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.” Psalm 136:1*
- God’s love is the one enduring thing you can depend upon
- He is committed to us through it all, even when we may not deserve it
- *“Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore, with loving kindness I have drawn you. Again, I will build you and you shall be rebuilt.” Jeremiah 31:3-4*
- God’s love may hurt sometimes, but it is a healing and restoring pain
- *“For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.” Psalm 30:5*
- Sin without consequences is not love; love will always step in to bring you back from destruction

I WILL LOVE YOU WITH AN UNBREAKABLE LOVE

- *“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecutions, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword...Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.” Romans 8:35-37*
- Paul ends Romans 8 with a cry of triumph; *“For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor thing 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 8:38-39*