

LOVE: So High, So Deep, So Wide Ps Stephen Bennie Sunday April 28, 2013

God has loved us with an everlasting love and He has drawn us with loving kindness. Jesus loved us and gave Himself up for us. It's not enough to know God loves us. We ought to come to the place where we believe God loves us. Only when we realize, we love God & love people because He first loved us, we will love like we have never been hurt. This powerful message aims to bring us to that place of boasting in God's love & loving God back & loving people like we've never been hurt, through the stories of Joseph, Moses, Job & Jesus Christ Himself.

LOVE IS A POWERFUL FORCE THAT NEVER FAILS.

I Jn 4:16-20; KEY VERSE: I Jn 4:19 – 'We love, because He first loved us'.

I Cor. 13; 14:1

"Work like you don't need the money; Dance like no one is watching; Love like you have never been hurt" – Leroy Satchel Paige

Story of Joseph – Gen 37, 39, 42, 45, 50:15-21;

Story of Moses – Ex 2:11-15; Ex 3, 4;

Story of Job – Job 1, 3-33, 42:8-10;

Story of Jesus – Luke 23; 23:34 – "Father forgive them for they know not what they do"

These three biblical characters and Jesus loved like they've never been hurt.

We ought to boast of the Lord's love for us rather than boast of our love for the Lord!!!

At the night of the Passover meal there were two types of Christians: Peter type and John type.

Peter whose name means Rock/Stone typifies law; John leaning on Jesus' breast typifies Grace;

Peter boasted of His love for the Lord (Jn 13:36-38; Mk. 14:29, 31)

John boasted of the Lord's love for him ('Disciple whom He love' – Jn. 13:23; 19:26; 21:7;)



Peter who boasted of his love for the Lord, before the night ended, denied the Lord three times; John who boasted of the Lord's love for him ended with a spiritual assignment at the foot of the cross where the Lord gave responsibility of his mother's care to him.

When we boast of the Lord's love for us we will be used of the Lord mightily; When we boast of our love for the Lord we are doomed to fail!

When Jesus said to his disciples "one of you will betray Me", Peter gestured to the disciple whom Jesus loved, tell us who it is of whom He is speaking. — Whenever you boast of your love for the Lord, you will sense a distance. Whenever you boast of the Lord's love for you, you will sense a closeness.

Rom. 8:31-35; Key Verse 32

Gal. 2:20 – Son of God loved me and gave Himself up for me. When you boast of His love for you, you begin to love like you've never been hurt. You will love like Christ loved!!!





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