



I Am A Jesus Follower Because...

Stories of Lived Experiences

Part 7: His Tender Love For Us Continues On Forever

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EIGHT Everyday Ways How to Love Like Jesus

1 Corinthians 13:1-8 (NIV)

LOVE, the Everyday Motivation of Our Lives

Biblical Love 101: The Greek word for love is *agapé*. *Agapé* describes the highest form of love God has for you and me. *Agapé* love is an intense affection that is endlessly loyal and unconditionally committed. *Agapé* love is not abstract emotion but demonstrated devotion that expresses itself toward others with acts of kindness.

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.*

- ♦ **Everyday Application:** Communication, no matter how eloquent or spiritual, lacks meaning and impact without love. Therefore, strive to speak with love in all interactions, whether verbal or non-verbal.

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.*

- ♦ **Everyday Application:** Spiritual gifts and knowledge are meaningless without love. Therefore, cultivate a heart of love that underpins and motivates your actions and beliefs.

3) *If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not LOVE, I gain nothing.*

- ♦ **Everyday Application:** Acts of charity and sacrifice are empty without love. Therefore, let love be the driving force behind your acts of service and generosity, rather than seeking recognition or personal gain.

4) *LOVE is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.*

- ♦ **Everyday Application:** Love manifests in patience, kindness, humility, and contentment. Therefore, strive to cultivate these virtues in your relationships and interactions with others.

5) *It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered. It keeps no record of wrongs.*

- ♦ **Everyday Application:** Love is considerate, selfless, and forgiving. Therefore, practice honoring and respecting others, seeking their well-being above your own, and let go of unforgiveness – anger, grudges, bitterness, and resentment.
- ♦ *Jesus, please help. I choose to forgive _____.*

6) *LOVE does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.*

- ♦ **Everyday Application:** Love aligns with goodness and truth. Therefore, choose to support and rejoice in what is right and just, rather than delighting in wrongdoing or falsehood.

7) *It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.*

- ♦ **Everyday Application:** Love is steadfast and resilient, demonstrating trust, hope, and perseverance even in challenging circumstances or difficult relationships. Therefore, strive to exhibit unwavering faith and endurance in your relationships and endeavors.



8a) *LOVE never fails.*

- ♦ **Everyday Application:** Love endures beyond temporal gifts and abilities. Therefore, prioritize love above all else, knowing that it is the eternal foundation upon which all else rests.

Psalm 136:1-26 (TPT)

His Tender Love (Call & Response)

- 1) Let everyone thank God, for he is good, and he is easy to please! *His tender love for us continues on forever!*
- 2) Give thanks to God, our King over all gods! *His tender love for us continues on forever!*
- 3) Give thanks to the Lord over all lords! *His tender love for us continues on forever!*
- 4) Give thanks to the only miracle-working God! *His tender love for us continues on forever!*
- 5) Give thanks to the Creator who made the heavens with wisdom! *His tender love for us continues on forever!*
- 6) To him who formed dry ground, raising it up from the sea! *His tender love for us continues on forever!*
- 7) Praise the one who created every heavenly light! *His tender love for us continues on forever!*
- 8) He set the sun in the sky to rule over day! *His tender love for us continues on forever!*
- 9) Praise him who set in place the moon and stars to rule over the night! *His tender love for us continues on forever!*
- 10) Give thanks to God, who struck down the firstborn in Egypt! *His tender love for us continues on forever!*
- 11) He brought his people out of Egypt with miracles! *His tender love for us continues on forever!*
- 12) With his mighty power he brought them out! *His tender love for us continues on forever!*
- 13) He split open the Red Sea for them! *His tender love for us continues on forever!*
- 14) And led his people right through the middle! *His tender love for us continues on forever!*
- 15) He vanquished Pharaoh's armies, drowning them all! *His tender love for us continues on forever!*
- 16) He led his people through the wilderness! *His tender love for us continues on forever!*
- 17) He's the one who smashed mighty kingdoms! *His tender love for us continues on forever!*
- 18) He triumphed over powerful kings who stood in his way! *His tender love for us continues on forever!*
- 19) He conquered Sihon, king of the Amorites! *His tender love for us continues on forever!*
- 20) He conquered the giant named Og, king of Bashan! *His tender love for us continues on forever!*
- 21) Then he gave away their lands as an inheritance! *His tender love for us continues on forever!*
- 22) For he handed it all over to Israel, his beloved! *His tender love for us continues on forever!*
- 23) He's the God who chose us when we were nothing! *His tender love for us continues on forever!*
- 24) He has rescued us from the power of our enemies! *His tender love for us continues on forever!*
- 25) He provides food for hungry men and animals! *His tender love for us continues on forever!*
- 26) Give thanks to the great God of the heavens! *His tender love for us continues on forever!*

- ♦ U R 1 decision away from a totally renewed life: Jesus!

Salvation Prayer:

*Dear Jesus: I repent of my sin. Please be my Savior and Lord.
In Jesus' Name, Amen*



24-Hour Prayer