

# The Power of Love Pt. 2: God is Love

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Nathaniel Bronner: God is love, and if we don't know love, we don't know God, simple as that.

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And now for 5833, "The Power of Love," Part 2: God is Love.

Nathaniel: Welcome to Brothers of the Word because, brother, you need the Word.

And right now, we're in the middle of the series called "The Power of Love." And today I just want to speak from, perhaps the most famous verse in all of the Bible. It is the one that's repeated the most, is written the most, is most publicly declared. It is John 3:16, when he says, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

For God sent not His son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. Again, in 1 John Chapter 4 Verse 7, "Beloved, let us love one another for love is of God, and everyone that loveth it is born of God and knoweth God. He did loveth not, knoweth if not God for God He is love." And the title of today He did love if not, know if not God for God he is love.s message is simply, "God is Love".

And in Genesis 126 and God said, "Let us make man in our image. God is love and He didn't knoweth if not love, knoweth if not God." So, if you don't love, Johnson, you don't even know God if you don't know love. And I want just reason, just write examples of just children and their examples of what love is.

When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So, my grandfather does it for her all the time even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love. When

someone loves you the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth. That's love.

And these are kids from 4 to 8 years old. Love is when you go out and eat, and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs. Love is what makes you smile when you're tired. Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is okay. If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate. Love is when you tell a guy, you like his shirt then he wears it every day. This are kids, but has got a lot of deep wisdom in it.

Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends, even after they'd know each so well. My mommy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night. Love is when mommy gives daddy the best piece of chicken. You really shouldn't say I love you, unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot because people forget.

A teacher asked a boy this question, she says, "Supposed your mother baked a pie and there were seven of you, your parents and five children. What part of the pie, would you get?" "A six," said the boy. "I'm afraid you don't know your fractions very well," said the teacher, "Remember there are seven of you". "Yes, teacher, said the boy, "But you don't know my mother, my mother would say she didn't want any pie."

Sometimes, love is an action and you can see it in just how people behave. And it's really magnified or indicated most sometime in what's called a mother's love because a mother's love is so unsacrificial. But oftentimes, a daddy's love is like that too because women and men are different. You know, you got a lot of daddies and they go out work all day, and their whole paycheck go to the family when you give someone all your money, that's love. Let me repeat that, when you give somebody all your money that's love.

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So often, men or mothers and fathers, they would love in a different way, but God is love. And when we can understand that we are often the only God that people will see. And how we love and how we show love is how God is represented to the rest of the

world through us. And I want to reread 1 John Verse 4:7 an NIB version, “Dear friends, let us love one another for love comes from God.”

So He begins with that, let us love one another for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love, does not know God because God is love. Whoever does not love, does not know God because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us. He sent his one and only son into the world that we might live through him. This is love. Not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his son as an atoning sacrifice to our sins.

So, here we’ve got God is love and we don’t know love, we don’t know God as simple as that. Now, sometimes love is not the easiest things in the world. Now, I want the AV department to play the clip from yesterday. My third son, Christian graduated yesterday, and we had a graduation party formed. And my fourth son George, as they were making remarks, George came up to make a remark about Christian.

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Now, the interesting thing about this and the reason that I played that clip for those of you who’d been here a long time. When Christian was in the womb, God spoke the name of Christian. But he spoke two names, he said, “Christian and George.”

God spoke George’s name four years before he was born. So, he spoke their names together, but when was born and as he started growing up, George and Christian looked like were at it all the time. And sometimes, when we’re riding the car, he would hit George telling me, “Dad look at me. Hey, look at me. Stop looking at me.” And they would just be at each other all of the time.

And yet you said, “But God, you spoke their names together. All of my others sons, they were separate. But you spoke Christian before he came out of the womb, before one came out of the womb, before one into the womb, you spoke their names together.” A one Christian and then he waited a few months or few years, and spoke, George. He spoke, Christian and George at the same time.

And when I told my wife, I said, “Sweetheart, this child is named Christian and the next one is George.” “What next one?”

Anyway, that's another whole story, but that's a story love. But the point is, here God spoke the name of the two boys who had the most conflict together. And George when he gathered for speak, he says, "My tolerance has been magnified. My tolerance has been increase because of Christian." And Christian in all of his testimonies were basically, how much energy and how lively Christian is. I remember when Christian was a baby before he could walk, before we could talk, I remember picking him up. And his legs just start doing it. He just started running. I said, "What in the world?" and he just started running. And he hadn't stop running since. And he jokes a whole lot if we go anywhere together, he's always the life of the party. If we go out to eat, the waitress remembers one person and that's Christian. But that same energy got under George's skin because Christian jokes so much, he plays, it just got under George's skin.

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So, George had to develop a tolerance because he had to deal with Christian, and sometimes God will put you in the middle of somebody or something to develop you and he ordained it before you even got in the situation and sometimes you wonder, "Why do I have balls like this? Why all of a sudden, my spouse has turned like this? Why am I in this situation? Why do I have to deal with this?" It's a Christian and George situation. God ordained it before you got there. And God says, "I am going to put you in this situation so you can develop your love.

You don't have to have a whole lot of Christian love to love someone who's just really, really – I mean, just good to you. I mean you got some people and they are just good to you. They compliment you all of the time, they help you out, they're just never a problem, they're just so warm, they're just so loving, they're just so good, you don't need to love of Christ to love those kinds of folks. You absolutely don't. Do you know the kind of folk you need to love? When God send His son into the world, the world weren't right. The world is disobedient, the world was evil, the world was violent, the world had all of these stuffs in it and God says look these are not the best folks, so, I am going to sacrifice that which I love to save these folks. Sometimes God will put you in a situation and you can't understand why you in the situation.

I got to admit it at one point, why you speak the name of these two together and then like did – the only two brothers that got conflict over and over and over and every time they're in together is like put in all the war together, they just be fuzzing) and it just upset George. So now, if you see, he is just calm. Nothing rattles George at all. George is just as calm and he said I develop the calmness because of Christian. Because if I didn't learn how to develop calmness, he would had driven me crazy, so I have developed calmness.

God is love and I want to challenge those of you today. As we think about love, who is it in your world who is difficult to love? See, sometimes when we go to think about folk we love, we always think about the easy but no. Who is it in your world that it takes the love of Christ to love? You understand what I mean, who is it? That's why Jesus – the Gentiles, the Hebrews do these. It didn't take much of love, somebody who loves you. It didn't take much to love somebody who is just good to you all the time. Who in your world does it take the love of Christ to love? That person, what Christian is that person to you, that Christian was to George?

Now, I think they're going to do great stuff together but they had to go through some stuff and learn and grow to get to that and I never would have guest Christian with all of his energy, with all of his comedy, his mother often times talk about, how much he just had, he questions everything, but the boy graduated yesterday with 4.06 average.

So, even though he had all these stuffs, he graduated with virtually a perfect GPA. So, I'm just saying some of you right now, you got a Christian in your world who's at the moment place their divinely to develop you. But you don't understand and you don't see and you don't realize the development and God is telling you, I want you to learn how to love. And you don't learn how to love by loving somebody that's just really, really loveable. You learn how to love by loving somebody who's giving you some problems. Who's giving you some issues. You don't build muscles by lifting cotton. You build muscles by lifting iron and then a whole lot of it, and you don't build muscles easy, you build muscles through pain. Love and the ability to love is a muscle and you build that by working with someone and going out and that's why Jesus said love those who hate you, do good to those who used you and who talked about you and all these

stuffs. This is where you build your love muscles because God is love and he looked down upon the earth and saw all of these filths that man was in, and still say, "I will sacrifice my most be loving for these folks."

So, I ask you in all earnest, who is it that's hard for you to love?" And I want you to make a declaration today that I'm going to do my best to love that person.

George did not develop his ability overnight. That's stuff takes a minute but once you make your mind, just like Christian. He said, "I am not going to make a single B in high school, now he did – said I'm not going to do that dating in college. And I'm going to do it in college. He said by high school I'm not going to make a single B and he went all through high school did not make a single B. So, who is it, it's hard for you to love? Say the person, "Yeah, that one, that one. The one that just pop in your head, that one. I want you right now to make a declaration in your mind, I'm going to love this person. And that thing is going to do two things. First of all, it begins to transform you, because God is love and the greater your love is specially for difficult situations the greater God comes into your world. And it takes a whole lot of resentment and a lot of unforgiveness, a lot of pressure, stress, strife, hate, it takes a lot of these out of your heart and soul and it will cause a lot of healing within you when you do this thing.

And then, the other person when it's really genuine, they will begin to feed it now in the beginning they're not going to trust it. What they're going to think is they're going say, "What they up to? What did they want? What angle of? What gimmick, if they're not going to trust it." Sometimes it may take a very long time for them to see that you're really sincere and that you have changed. But who is it? Who is it, that's hard for you to love? That's the person that you need to focusing on, trying to love, not the easy folk. That's the person. Just start with just one. That's the person that you need to start focusing on and saying, "I am going to love them with the love of Christ."

And for those of you who got their person in your mind and want to make that declaration. I'm going to ask you to stand, just raise your hand, everybody got somebody in their mind that they just really need to – you know, they're hard to love but you want to start loving them. If you're not going to do it, don't raise your

hands because somebody would say, “I’m not going to love them, I’m not even going to try to love them,” but if it somebody you had in your spirit and this is the way elevation works. These changes and cleanses your heart and it will make all the differences in the world and I just want to pray over those of you right now just to raise your hand to make that declaration.

Dear heavenly Father, you are love, your love is unlimited and that’s what you can do can be done so much in love, I want you right now. Dear Father, just pour your love upon them. Give them supernatural strength and ability and as they begin to love those who were hard to love, Father. As they begin to love them, open up their hearts, open up blessings into their world, open up healings into their world, open up prosperity into their world, dear Father, open up joy and beauty into their world as they begin to love that which is difficult to love, bless them beyond measure. And thy son, Jesus His name, we pray. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. God is love and those who do not know love, do not know God.

Amen. Amen. Amen. You are dismissed. Amen.

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