

God sure does love you! Let me share some scripture with you to remind you *how much* God loves you!

- See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! 1 John 3: 1a
- Dear friends, 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. 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 for our sins. 1 John 4: 7-10
- But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. Ephesians 2: 4-5
- “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1: 9
- Moses answered the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.” Exodus 14: 13-14

God didn't just invent love, friends—God **IS** love! Did you notice what these verses reveal?

- Because of his grace, mercy and lavish love, God sent Jesus, His precious Son, to die for our sins so we might live as His kids! Best gift of love EVER!
- We can be strong, courageous, fearless and full of hope because God promises to be with us – ALL the time!
- We can be at peace in EVERY situation, for the Lord our God will fight for us!

These gifts from our merciful God are great reasons for us to smile, to feel God's love, and to pass all that grace, mercy, love strength, courage, and peace along to those around us by sharing the Gospel message, sharing God's Holy Word, and sharing of ourselves with those who need us most!

Pray:

Holy Father, You are love! You rescue us. You redeem and restore us. We are Your grateful servants. Lord, gift us with a fresh awareness today of Your great love for us. Help us Lord, to respond to that love by being mindful of our sins, readily recognizing them, and promptly asking Your forgiveness. Lord we pray this is the precious name of Jesus our Redeemer. Amen.

Think: How can I thank God with a heart of gratefulness for all the love He has shown me (song, prayer, giving, reaching out to those around you...)? Give your heart space to spend unhurried time with your Father. Ask Him what he would have you do!