

Sunday 22 September 2024

*HIS LOVE FOR US, OUR LOVE
FOR HIM*



The Love of God for us.

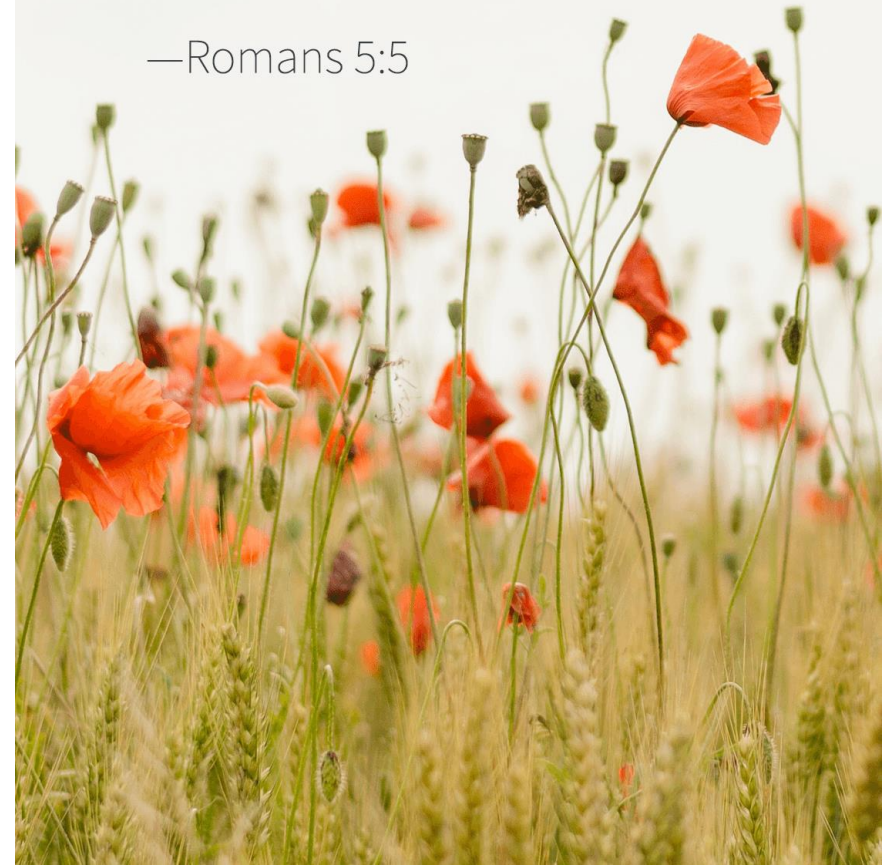


Our love for God.

Part 1: God's Love for us

“...He has given us
the *Holy Spirit*
to fill our hearts
with His love.”

—Romans 5:5



How do we know He loves us?

God IS love...

1 John 4:16

So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

How do we know He loves us?

Inseparable...

Romans 8:37-39

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

How do we know He loves us?

The evidence of His love...

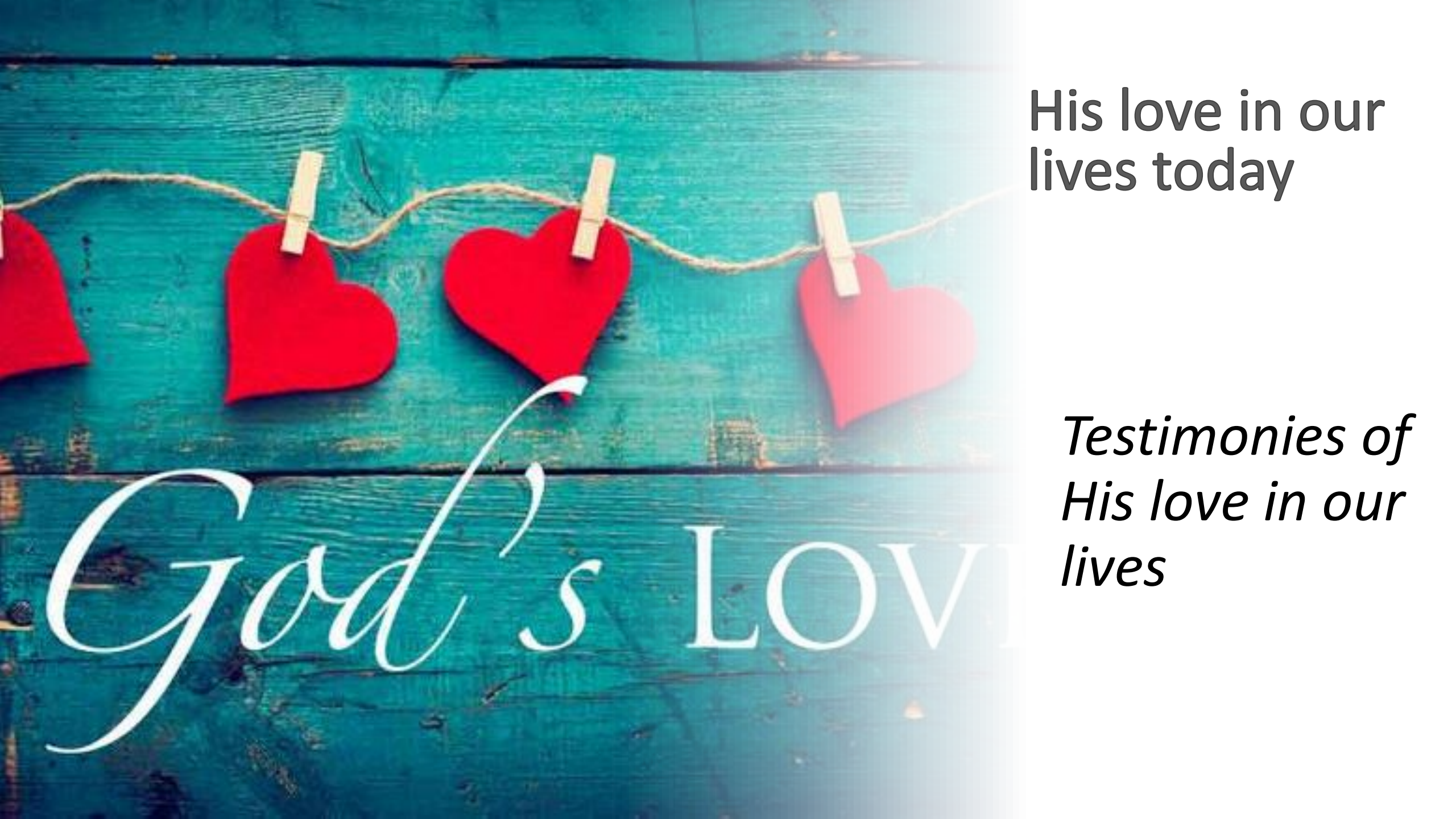
John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 15:13

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.



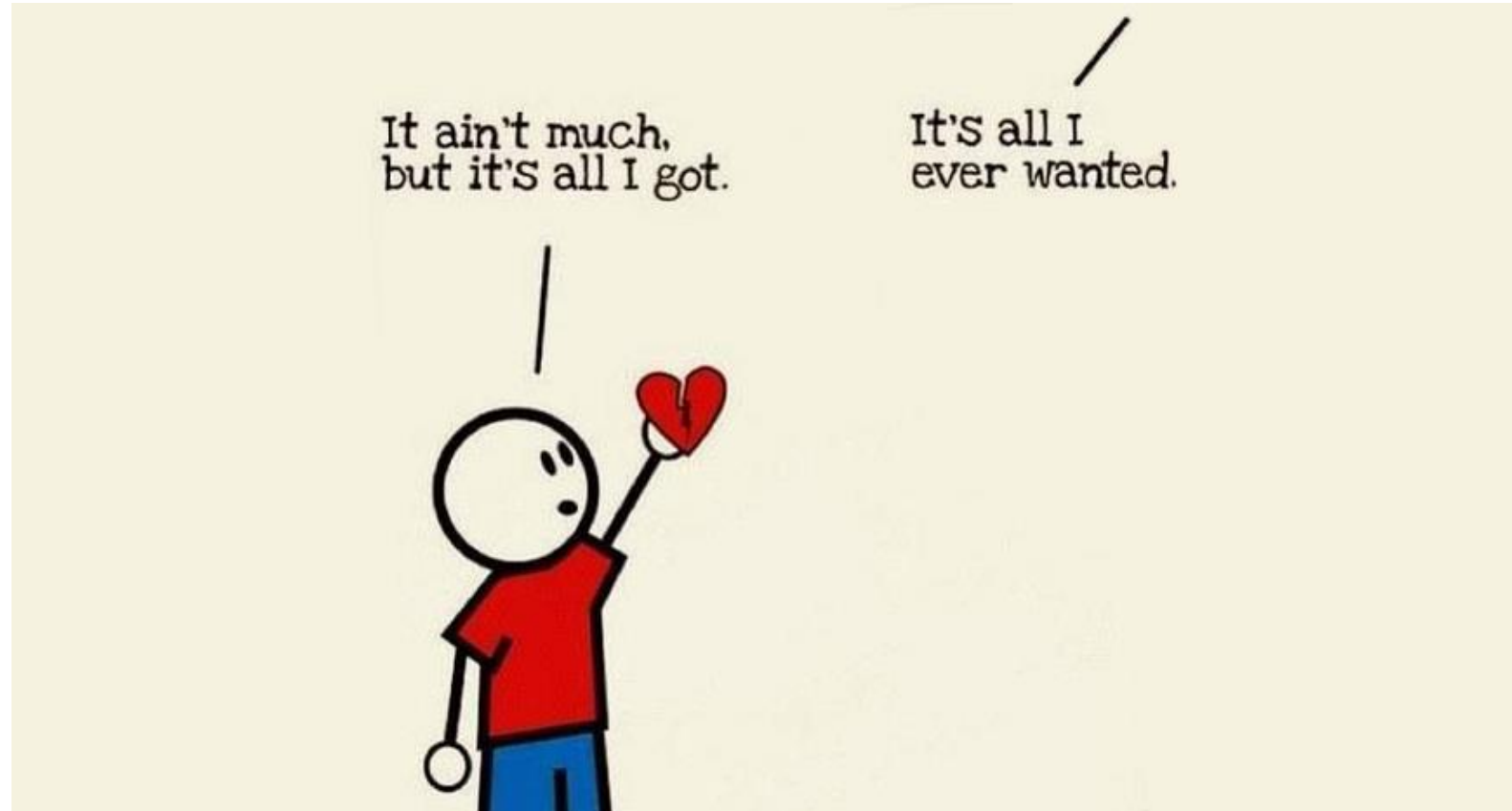


His love in our
lives today

*Testimonies of
His love in our
lives*

God's LOVE

Part 2: Our love for God



Our love for Him

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 NIV

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Our love for Him

1 Peter 1:8-9

Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Our love for Him

Matthew 22:34 - 40

One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’



*Love the Lord
your God*

with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.

– Mark 12:30

Our love for Him

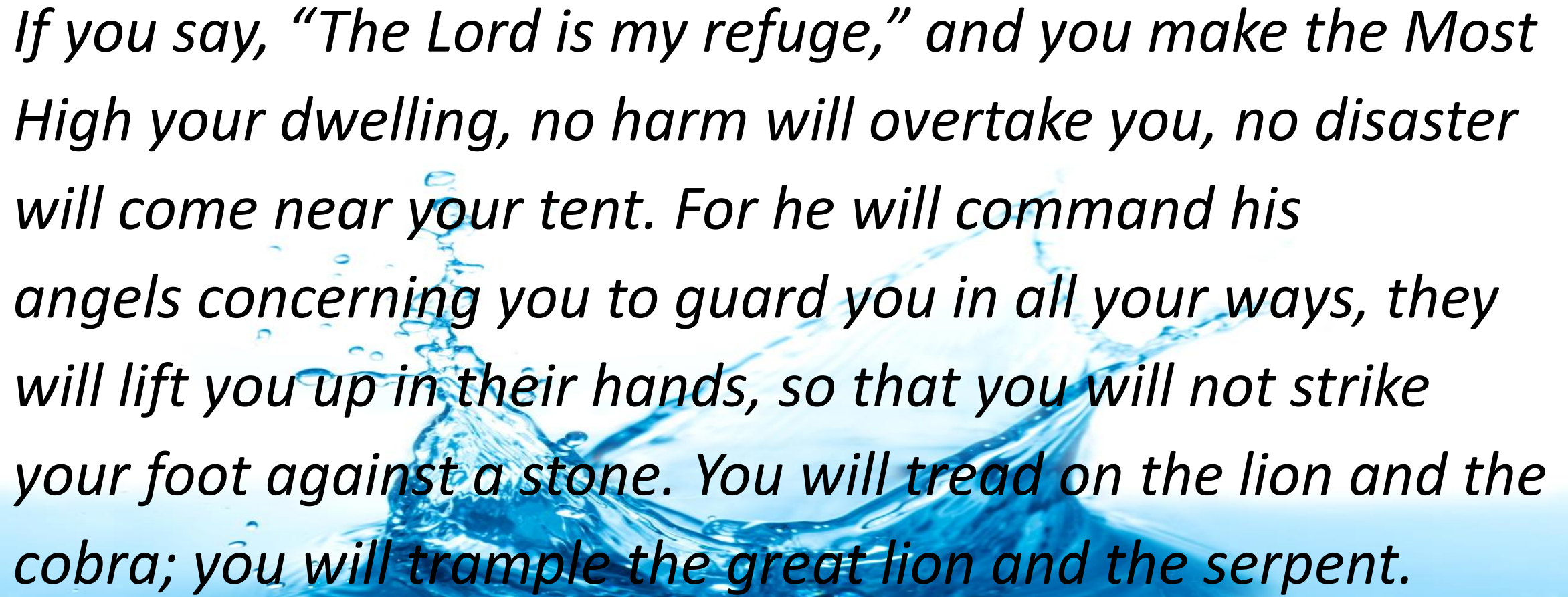
Questions:

- *We have all heard this scripture many times, but do you know it personally?*
- *Some ask: How do you love someone you've never met? (Aha!)*
- *Can you HONESTLY say that you LOVE the Lord your God?*
- *How do you know it?*
- *There is a 2-way situation here.*

The outcome of this love

Psalm 91:9-16

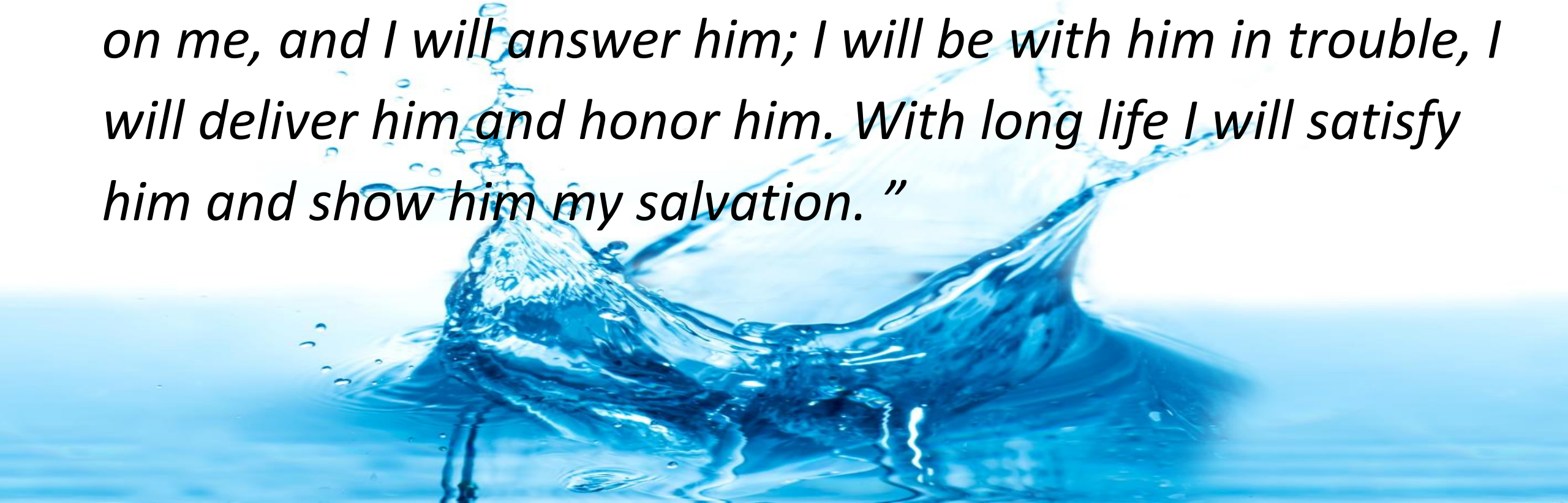
If you say, "The Lord is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling, no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways, they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent.



The outcome of this love

Psalm 91:9-16

“Because he loves me,” says the Lord, “I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”



The outcome of this love

Romans 8:28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

How do we build, develop and nurture this love?

Both from Him and to Him:

- *Time, presence, word*
- *Commitment*
- *Obedience*

Truth

***"WE ARE NOT GOING TO WIN SOULS THROUGH GOOD
APOLOGETICS, WE WILL WIN THEM THROUGH LOVE"***

- DYLAN ELLIOT

Let's pray

Lord, as you love us, we love you.



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