"My Father Loves Me" (Father's Day) by Pastor George Pearsons.

Ephesians 3:14-15; (AMPC)

"For this reason [seeing the greatness of this plan by which you are built together in Christ], I bow my knees before the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, For Whom every family in heaven and on earth is named [**that Father from Whom all fatherhood takes its title and derives its name**]."

What does an encounter with Love Himself look like? There are things that will try and stop that daily encounter.

- Personal demands and the busy lifestyle we accept as normal.
- Many develop a mindset of an assembly line I will keep doing what needs to be done.
- Hustle and bustle can easily turn our fellowship with the Lord into a duty and performance-based time.

Hungry for a Relationship with My Father

- 1. One time the Lord said to Pastor George; "Stay in bed." "Take the next hour and think about how much I love you."
- 2. Pastor George began to say; "My Father loves me. My Father loves me."
- 3. After an hour of meditating on His love <u>for me</u>, I heard this . . .

"There is nothing more you can do to make Me love you any more than I love you right now. Not another sermon preached. Not another project accomplished. Not even another soul saved. I Love You simply because I Love You!"

Deuteronomy 7:7-8; (NLT)

"The Lord did not set His heart on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other nations, for you were the smallest of all nations! **Rather, it was simply that the Lord loves you**, and He was keeping the oath He had sworn to your ancestors. That is why the Lord rescued you with such a strong hand from your slavery and from the oppressive hand of Pharaoh, king of Egypt." Even though He was speaking to Israel, Pastor George said I could hear Him talking to me. "I love you simply because I love you — no other reason."

I listened to a message by Keith Moore called, "**God loves you**." He spoke about the Father's love for us. He noted the places in scripture where John said, "I am the disciple whom Jesus loves." <u>I decided to be the disciple</u> whom Jesus loves.

The reality of God being my loving Father began to grow.

- I prioritized my time to have closer fellowship.
- The quality time brought sweeter communion.

Becoming Rooted and Grounded in the Father's Love

Ephesians 3:17-19; (AMPC)

"May Christ through your faith [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your hearts! **May you be rooted deep in love and founded securely on love,**"

"That you may have the power and be strong to apprehend and grasp with all the saints [God's devoted people, **the experience of that love**] what is the breadth and length and height and depth [of it];"

"[That you may really come] to know [practically, through experience for yourselves] the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge [without experience]; that you may be filled [through all your being] unto all the fullness of God [may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God (LOVE) Himself]!"

Brother Copeland had the word from the Lord; "Eagle Mountain Church where Love is King."

The Fullness of God's Love

Ephesians 2:4-5; (AMPC)

"But God—so rich is He in His mercy! Because of and in order to satisfy the great and wonderful and intense love with which He loved us, Even when we were dead (slain) by [our own] shortcomings and trespasses, He made us alive together in fellowship and in union with Christ."

- 1. God loves us to the fullest extend right now.
- 2. He is not holding back on anything.
- 3. He is not saving His best love for Heaven.

"If you knew the full extent of My love for you, your life would be totally transformed. You would have everything you would ever need. You would walk in the fullness of all that I have for you." [Word from the Lord through Steve Hopkins, Lima, Peru, 2012]

The Father Loves Us Like Jesus

John 17:22-23; (KJV)

"And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as We are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me."

I discovered that God loves me as much as He loves Jesus.

V. 23 (NLT) "You love them as much as you love me."

He loves each of us equally.

Continually Believe and Receive the Father's Love

1 John 4:15-16; (ESV)

"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in Him, and he in God. 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."

My Father loves me!

1 John 3:1 (AMPC)

"See what [an incredible] quality of love the Father has given (shown, bestowed on) us, that we should [be permitted to] be named and called and counted the children of God! And so we are!"

Confession:

- There is nothing I can do to change His love for me.
- God loves me equal to His love for Jesus.
- I believe and receive the love my Father has for me.
- And, God likes spending time with me.