



THE LOVE LETTER

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An Update on Us and Ministry

We appreciate all of you who have been praying for **our trip to Indonesia**. As you know we were planning to spend the month of October sharing on the Father's love and ministering to children there. However our plans have changed and we have felt the Spirit leading us to postpone the trip until a later date. Thus we would covet your continued prayers about Indonesia. We want Father's best – the right timing and His vision for the trip as well as His provision. Please continue to pray along with us for the people of Indonesia to have their hearts open to receiving and experiencing the Father's love.

We also want to thank all of you who pray for us and our ministry to others through Abba's Arms International, Inc. In our **one-on-one prayer ministry with individuals**, we have seen some amazing breakthroughs in people's lives as Holy Spirit brings healing to their hearts from past wounds and mistakes. The painful memories are gone, their attitude towards themselves is improved, joy and His love fill their hearts, and hope is restored.

During the **monthly soaking times** in our home, Holy Spirit has ministered powerfully to many of the people who have come. They have had visions, answers to their prayers, peace and rest come into their lives, as well as experiencing His comforting love for the difficult and hurtful situations in their lives. Thanks again for lifting us and those we touch up to the throne of Grace. Your prayers are having an eternal impact on many lives!!

Love, Rick & Sue

Do You Know Father is Passionately Pursuing You?

Do you know your heavenly Father's heart is for you? Can you believe that Father is passionately pursuing you and desires to have a relationship with you today? It is often easier to believe the enemy's lies that no one cares about you or could possibly want to spend time with you. Why? Because most of us have experienced rejection, unkind words & feeling unimportant, thus making it difficult to keep our hearts open and ready to be in relationships. Yet we were made for relationship! **Our hearts long to be loved, accepted, known, heard and understood.** Father God placed those desires in our hearts from the beginning. We see He is the One who truly loves us, accepts us, knows us inside and out and wants to listen and understand everything that is in our hearts!

I believe Father wants to take us back to the garden where relationships and sharing our hearts becomes an important part of our lives. In the beginning Father walked and talked with Adam and Eve in the cool of the day. Now that is an intimate, personal relationship! But the image of being in close fellowship with God

has been lost to mankind for centuries. Ever since Father lost that closeness with His family in the garden, He has been looking for ways to show us who He really is and His tender love for us. His heart is passionately pursuing each person on the face of the earth to have a personal relationship with them. Webster's dictionary defines **pursue** as **to seek; to chase; to follow with haste with a view to overtake**. Begin to imagine Father pursuing you and each day us walking and talking with Him. How would that change the thoughts you have about yourself and the way you live your life?

You Are Pursued!

The word *pursue* probably means something different to men versus women. Men may think of pursuing a goal or something that is out in front of them. Many young girls dream of being pursued by a prince like in fairy tales. They see their prince coming and taking them away to live happily ever after. Rick did a good job of pursuing me through his words and actions, during the three and a half years we dated before we were married. As a woman, I enjoyed and I still

enjoy being pursued. Being pursued communicates that I **have value, I am desired, and I hold a special place in that other person's heart**. How much more should we each be aware of the value Father sees in us and the special place we have in His heart!

My revelation of Father pursuing me began as I awakened on my birthday in early January. I woke and heard, "Happy Birthday, Susan! Do you know that I rejoice and sing over you?" (**Zeph. 3:17**) I have never had such a personal message from my Father, but it touched my heart deeply. I became so aware of His heart towards me and His tender love for me. Then He started to give me scripture after scripture with each one showing His strong desire to have a personal closeness with me. It was such a special time that I simply basked in the love I felt as His words came alive and were breathed into my heart and life. It is important for us to remember that God is no respecter of people. (**Acts 10:34**) I am convinced that He desires that you too see Him as a passionate lover pursuing you, His beloved!



There are many Bible verses that emphasize just how precious each person is to Him! **Job 7:17** says, “What is man, that You should exalt him, that **You should set your heart on him , that You should visit him every morning.**” Wow, what an amazing thing to know Father’s passionate heart towards us! In **Zephaniah 3:17** NIV it says, **He takes great delight in you.**” He wants us to believe His words more than what we may have experienced with other people! Do we realize that He is constantly thinking of us? **Psalms 139:17-18** communicates that His precious thoughts of us are like the grains of sand that can’t be counted! And when we wake up He is still with us. Not only does He want to be with each of us, He strongly desires to protect and watch over us. Both **Psalms 121** and **Psalms 91** speak of His not sleeping but watching over us, caring for us and protecting us just as parents do for their children. We are always on His mind and heart! The more you believe that, the more you can relax and trust Father!

Have you ever sat and watched a young child that is just learning to walk, talk, or do something for the first time? It is a pure joy to see their sweet expressions, their joy and excitement over what they have just done. They are a delight! That is the attitude Father has about us! He delights over us! (**Ps. 18:19**) Just as parents give their children gentle encouragement to keep trying new things, Father does that with us too. (**Ps. 18:25**) I believe Father wants us to daily hear that He is well pleased with us! When Jesus was baptized by John, Father spoke from heaven and said, “You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” Do you realize Father said that before Jesus ever did one miracle? **Father wants you to know He finds pleasure and is well pleased with you simply being His son or daughter!** It’s all about relationship and not what we do or don’t do!

What image do you have of your heavenly Father? Many of the verses He showed me reveal His tender, compassionate heart towards us and His constant care rather than being a distant or demanding Father. No matter how your earthly parents treated you, Father wants you to know His commitment to you and give you a different image of Him. He says, “I will not forget you. Behold I have indelibly imprinted (tattooed) a picture of you on the palm of My hands.” (**Isa. 49:15-16 Amp.**) Several years ago Max Lucado said, “If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it or if He had a billfold, your picture would be in it.” Why? Because we are each His favorite! **Jeremiah 31:3** says, “I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with loving-kindness I have drawn you.” Can you begin to see Father’s love as a constant force that is reaching out to draw you to the One who loves you dearly? Father smiles over you and wants to love on you daily. The question is will you receive it?

When you really love someone, you find yourself thinking about them all the time and looking for ways to bless them and touch their lives. Father does that in a variety of ways towards us. **2 Chronicles 16:9** gives us the image of Father’s eyes looking at us all the time to show Himself strong for us. I sense that often Father is simply waiting for us to allow Him to help us with the situations we face in life. Yet too many times we try and do things ourselves which stops Him. In **Lamentations 3:22-23** He tells us that His mercies, love and compassion will never fail but are new every morning. His faithfulness is great too. No matter who may have let you down, Father promises to never fail you, give up on you or leave you without support. (**Heb. 13:5 Amp.**) All these

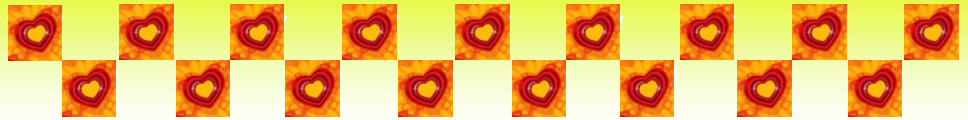


verses speak of His passionate desire to be a part of your life. Take time to read **Song of Solomon** and see His passionate love for you, His Beloved! Do you see His banner over you is love? (**Song of Sol. 2:4**) Begin to sense how deeply you affect His heart as you read **Song of Solomon 2:10** and **4:9**. We are greatly loved, but do we believe it? Jesus said, “**No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me attracts and draws him and gives him the desire to come to me.**” (**John 6:44 Amp.**) He is drawing us all the time, but are we aware of His strong desire to bring us to Himself?

Father values relationship with us more than He values us for what we do. Knowing one another’s hearts and being connected is the image Father began to paint for me at the beginning of this year. Just as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit know each other’s hearts of love for each other, Father desires that we experience that same sweet place of intimacy. That is the way it started in the garden as Father God walked and talked with Adam and Eve every day. Even after they disobeyed Father’s command and ate of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, Father came looking for them – pursuing them! Though they had rejected their Creator, Father started pursuing His man. Then He set His plan into motion to redeem and bring mankind back to Himself through Jesus Christ!

Intimate Relationships

Father is always looking for someone that is willing to let Him be a part of their life. In **Genesis 12 through 15**, we see Father God intentionally pursuing a relationship with Abram, revealing who He is and making promises to Abram. Can you imagine Father God telling you, “I am your shield, your exceeding great reward?” (**Gen. 15:1**) Abram believed and understood how serious Father God was about their relationship and keeping His word when He made a covenant with him.



In Bible times everyone understood that a covenant meant each person was fully committed and that everything each person owns was now available to the other. We need to see Father hasn't changed and wants us to walk aware of being in covenant relationship with Him too. Over the years Abraham grew to know the character of his God. Father wants us to know His character more each year too. Abraham showed his confident trust in Father God when he was willing to sacrifice Isaac, his promised son. Abraham's relationship with Father God led him to being known as a "friend of God." (**Jas. 2:23**) If Abraham experienced that much of Father God in the Old Testament, how much more should we experience since Jesus opened the way for us to know Father? Jesus told his disciples that He no longer called them servants but friends for all things that He heard from the Father He made known to them. (**John 15:15**) He also wants us to know Him and have a close personal friendship where we share our heart with Him, just like Jesus did with His Father!

The Bible also records that Moses had **face-to-face encounters** with Father God! He experienced staying on the mountain in Father's presence for forty days and when he came down his face shone with the glory. **Exodus 33:11** says, "So the **Lord spoke to Moses face to face as a man speaks to a friend...**" In verse **15** Moses emphasizes the value He placed on his closeness with Father God when he says, "If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here." Moses had learned to look and depend on Father God's goodness, not himself. But Father's heart was not just to have a relationship with Moses but with all His people as He brought them out of Egypt. **Exodus 19:4** records Him saying, "I bore you on eagle's wings and **brought you to Myself.**" Our Father is not an impersonal God but He lovingly brought them to Himself! In

verse **5** He calls His people a **special treasure** to Him. Do you see how much Father wants you to come close so you can know that you have a special place in His heart?

There are many other people from the Bible that we could look at, but the One that stands out above all is Jesus Christ. He came from the bosom of the Father, a place of intimacy and relationship to show us just who our Father is and what He is like. (**John 1:18**) Everywhere Jesus went He only spoke and did what He saw His Father doing. (**John 5:19-20**) While the religious leaders were concerned about making sure the Laws were all kept properly, Jesus' heart was to care for and lovingly meet the needs of the people. If you read the Gospels and focus on how Jesus interacted with each person that came to Him, you will find that He never rejected or failed to touch them with His love and power to set them free. Jesus spoke with and valued those that society condemned and gave no place to. (**John 4, Luke 19, John 8, Mark 5, Matt. 8**) He also demonstrated that every little child was of great value and worthy of His time and attention. (**Mark 10:13-16**) Jesus' heart was to comfort, love, and protect all people just like a mother does with her child. (**Matt. 11:29, Matt. 23:37**) Even though Philip walked and talked with Jesus for more than three years, he asked Jesus to, "Show us the Father," and Jesus said to him, "**...He who has seen me has seen the Father.**" (**John 14:8-9**) Our Father wants us to know Him and see His deep love for us. Jesus lets us know just how much Father loves us in His prayer in **John 17:23** when He prayed, "**...that the world may know that You have sent Me and have loved them as You have loved me.**" The first time I heard someone share about this verse my mind could hardly believe it. Father loves me as much as He loves Jesus! Jesus lived His life to reveal Father's passion for each person that is on the

face of the earth, including you!

Of all the verses Father made come alive to me, this one is the most special, "**You shall no longer be termed Forsaken, nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate; But you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land, Beulah.**" (**Isaiah 62:4**) In Hebrew, Hephzibah means **My Delight is in her** and Beulah means **Married!** He delights in



me and longs to marry me! As the end of time draws closer, we each need to see our self as His delight and soon to be married to our

bridegroom, Jesus. He is "wooing" us unto Himself! Random House dictionary defines wooing as **to court; to seek the favor, affection, and love of, or to seek to win.** The more aware we each become of being pursued and wooed to the place of being His bride, the more we will want to know Him and prepare ourselves for an eternity together! As we know and experience the character of our bridegroom, the things of this world will not have the same pull on us. Instead we will speak the words of **Revelation 22:17, "The Spirit and the bride say, Come!"** The further I walk knowing His heart of love for me the more my heart is drawn to Him, desiring Him above all else!

He desires to lavish His love on you! Will you believe it and receive it? As **Psalms 46:10** says in the Message Bible, "**Step out of the traffic! Take a long loving look at me, your High God.**" May we each see Him and His love for us more and more! As I finish this article, I want to include a word that the Lord spoke to me about who He is and how He sees us. I pray it ministers to you as it did to me. May your heart be warmed as He speaks of His love for you!

Words From Father's Heart to Yours!

"I am your Prince Charming! I came to take you to Myself – to take you back to the place you were created to be – eternally forever with Me. The enemy has lied in so many ways; he has clouded the image of Who I Am and he has shamed and dishonored My man. Lost through time – the glory I bestowed. I want you to know you are beautiful to Me. I would do it all again if need be to rescue My fair damsel, My bride-to-be!

Don't you know, don't you see – the dirt is on the outside – you are a treasure to Me! Your identity is in what I think of thee! Your worth is in what I paid for thee! So don't fall for the enemy's lies that I am displeased with thee.

Just like Cinderella emerged from the rags and dirt, slaving and serving, demeaned by those around her – you too, My precious one, are destined to be Mine. You are right now- despite what you see on the outside – you are perfect to Me! So don't believe the enemy's lies. I've chosen you and I won't cast you aside. Come away with Me. Be My bride. That's your identity for eternity. You belong with Me!



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