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# *The Love Letter*

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## Let This Love Be In You!

*"Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself..." Phil. 2:5 MSG*

When I (Rick) was seeking Father about what to write for this Love Letter, in the middle of the night I was awakened to Him speaking **Phil. 2:5** to me, both with the word "mind" and then changing it to "love." I knew that I had my topic! However, I'm guessing that after reading my title, one of your initial reactions may have been to inform me that **Phil. 2:5** says, "*Let this **mind** be in you...*" and to some degree, you would be right!

The Bible and the Hebrew language make a strong connection between the heart and the mind working together as one. All of the Hebrew words and many of the Greek words translated as "mind" in the scriptures include the heart as part of their definitions. In our natural physical body, our heart and mind work together as one monitoring what is going on in our body and sending out chemical signals in responses to any changes. Even in the spiritual realm, to be saved you must "confess with your mouth (mind) that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead..." **Rom. 10:9-10** Paul also wrote in **Rom. 12:2** that we are "*transformed (heart) by the renewing of our minds.*" It takes both faith (heart) and trust (mind) in God to be saved and have our spirit set free!

### Abiding In His Love

Our heart is where we receive and give love away. Jesus said that as we keep both His written and spoken words, our capacity will grow to experience more of the Father's continuous love for us and He and the Father will come and make their home in our heart. **John 14:23** We have all of the Love of the Father that we will ever have in us right now. God is Love and He lives inside of us. **1 John 4:15-16** His Love in us never changes. What changes is our heart's capacity to experience more of that love in our life! I know there have been several "upgrades" in my experiencing Father's Love during my Christian walk. The most notable have been my salvation experience in college, the revelation of being Father's favorite son, and recently, the download of knowing that I'm His beloved son in whom He's well pleased! As my heart continues to heal from the past hurts and wounds in my life, I am becoming freer from the past and my capacity to experience more of His love keeps growing. PTL!

## WE HAVE STARTED 3 NEW OVERSEAS PROJECTS!



### Technology for Africa

Our heart is to impact Nakuru, Kenya and Ndola, Zambia in a new way by purchasing a laptop, projector, screen and flash drives for one church in each city. We plan to make short and longer video teachings that can be downloaded and shown in these 2 churches and surrounding areas.

Please pray for:

- ♥ the equipment, software, and the people learning how to use it!
- ♥ Father's leading as we make the videos
- ♥ *His provision – total cost for both churches is \$4,400*



### Chicken Project in Ndola, Zambia



During our trip to Zambia in 2009, Father impacted Pastor John Mwale's heart and he started "Father's Love Ministries" in Ndola, *an outreach to widows and orphan children in the poorer areas near his church*. He has continued to help those with the greatest needs. His desire is to have a source of income so his church can share the Father's love to even more people. John plans to raise and sell chickens and eggs to help raise more money.

Please pray for:

- ♥ favor in purchasing chickens, construction materials, food, and supplies
- ♥ wisdom and knowledge in the purchase and raising chickens for a profit
- ♥ *funds for Abba's Arms to pay for this project – total cost \$4,000*

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“*This Love*” that I have been talking about is more completely covered in the first quarter Love Letter for 2021 on Attachment Love. This God-kind of love is referred to in the Old Testament as “Hesed” and in the New Testament as “Agape.” I am referring to attachment love, that “sticky” covenant kind of love that is like the gum you step on during a hot summer day. It is impossible to get it all off of your shoe just like you can never get away from Him loving you! There’s nothing we could ever do or say that would cause our Heavenly Father to love us anymore or any less than He does right now. **He loves us because that is who He is!** We are His beloved sons and daughters right now. He wants to be a loving Father to us and father us in every way we did not get fathered growing up. I didn’t have the best father growing up, he did not know how to love me as his son. He did the best job that he could, but he didn’t know how to father me in many of the ways I needed. However, that is changing now as I have begun to allow my Heavenly Father to love me and teach me His ways of doing things!

### Mutual Mind State with Others

Father has given us the capacity for our mind to think and respond in the same way with someone who has become close to us. There are different degrees of this mutual mind state depending upon a number of variables on how we open our heart and relate to others. Initially, we come into this world without an awareness of our identity, so we will copy the identity, behavior, and mannerisms of our caregivers. As we grow and become more aware of other people, we can also become mutually minded and know what others are thinking by watching their actions, body language, facial expressions, tone of voice, etc. without them ever saying a word to us. Sometimes while speaking, I have noticed people getting fidgety, looking around or at their cell phone or checking their watch. Without them saying a word, their body language tells me that it’s time to wrap things up before I completely lose them!

We can also open our heart up to someone who is pleased to be with us and begin to form a love bond with them. As we spend more time with that person and become more intimate and transparent, we can begin to form a mutual mind state with them too. One of the best examples is between married couples who spend a lot of time together and begin to know each other more intimately. Sue and I have been married for over 50 years now and we often know what the other is thinking before we say anything!

### Mutual Mind with Jesus and Father

Father not only made us to walk in mutual mind with “our people” but also with our Heavenly Father and Jesus. Mutual mind gives us a heart-to-heart connection with Father so that we begin to think and act like Him. It is only in that state that we will be able to walk in love and respond in love even with our worst enemies! Instead of asking, “What would Jesus do?” we need to think about what Father is thinking right then!

Developing mutual mind state with the Father, like any other mutual mind state, requires quality focused time with Him. Jesus frequently departed from the people and spent hours, sometimes most of the night, with His Father until He reached the point that He only did what He saw the Father doing and only said what the Father had told Him. **John 5:19, John 12:49** Some of the things Sue and I do to become more mutually minded with Father is to read and meditate on His Word, soak in His presence with quiet music, and journal with Him by asking questions and listening for His answers. Another good way is when we express our appreciation and listen for what He says to us about our giving Him thanks.



### Love Like Jesus Loves!

One thing is certain; you can’t give away what you have not received first! One of the greatest revelations to me has been understanding the love of my Heavenly Father. John makes an amazing statement in **1 John 4:19** “*Not that we loved Him, but that He first loved us.*” Wow! We can’t even love our Heavenly Father until we first receive His love!! I can only love other people as much as I am able to receive His love first. There are numerous references in the scriptures where Jesus admonishes us to love our enemies, do good to those who hate us, pray for those who persecute us, bless those who curse us, and lend-hoping for nothing in return. Leif Hetland, the Apostle of Love to the Muslims, has said that we cannot minister to others until we can unconditionally love them just the way they are. Leif has been able to love and establish a friendship with even the head terrorist in Pakistan! I must confess that I am hard pressed to be able to do that myself! I realize that I need to keep working on my relationship with Jesus and Father and become more mutually minded with them. Then I will be full of enough of His Love to overcome my fears, prejudices, strongholds and unbelief that hold me back from loving like Jesus!

Jesus also instructs us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. **Mark 12:31** In order to do that, we need to check up on how we are seeing them. Love sees someone else not the way they are, but who they are going to be. We need to treat people according to their destiny and not their history. We need to look for the treasure in each person and not focus on their weakness, faults, bad habits or behavior. While those are high and lofty goals, we still need to walk them out in our daily life and encounters with other people! I sometimes am like Paul who in **Romans 7:19-20** laments about knowing what to do, but still doing it the way he ought not to do! My old flesh still tries to rise up and stop me from walking in love all of the time. Sue can definitely attest to that! But Father is still working on me and there is hope for us all!

Leif Hetland has also challenged me not only to love my neighbor and enemies, but to also love myself the way Jesus loves me! The disciple John referred to himself as “the one whom Jesus loved.” John opened his heart to Jesus and developed a close intimate relationship with Him. John became close enough to even put his head on Jesus’ chest and hear His

heartbeat. **John 13:23** John’s love bond with Jesus was most dramatically displayed the day of Jesus’ crucifixion. Typically, in Hebrew custom the responsibility for taking care of the parents in their old age was given to one of the children. However, Jesus knew the potential difficulties His mother might experience after His death, and so He chose John instead to take care of His mother until she passed away. **John 19:26-27** Jesus and John were in mutual mind with each other. Jesus knew John’s love was like His love for people and that he would take good care of His mother.

I pray that this challenges you to also press in and receive more of the Father’s Love for yourself. It’s been life-changing for me and something I intend to do as long as I am still here on the earth!



## A Father’s Blessing for Experiencing More of His Love

I bless you with more hunger to experience the Father’s Love for you and receive more healing in your body and heart from His comforting Love. I bless you with sweet times of fellowship with the Father and Jesus as you draw apart from the world and seek His face. May your heart be full of His great Love until it overflows into the lives of all those around you.

I bless your spiritual eyes and ears to be opened so that you can see and hear with your heart what the Father is showing and speaking to you. I bless your image maker to have dreams and visions of what the Father is doing and what part He wants you to have in bringing heaven here on the earth. I bless you with a knowing in your heart how the Father sees you and others in the earth today.

