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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Our relationship with God our Father and each other is built on His Valentine cards/words to us:

- **LOVE** - NLT John 13:35 – *Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.*
- **UNITY** - John 17:21 - *I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.*
- **HIS PRESENCE** - Matt. 18:20 - *For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them.*
- **REST** - Heb. 4:1 - *God's promise of entering his rest still stands, so we ought to tremble with fear that some of you might fail to experience it.*
- **SPIRIT** – 2 Cor. 3:17- *Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.*

Just like any relationship, our relationship with God can get off track based on changing the focus “being in love” and “performing to earn love.”

Rev. 2:1 The Church of Ephesus, by most religious standards, would be considered a top contender for church of the year.

Rev. 2:2-3

The focus of the Ephesus church seems to be: we know how to lay out protocols that show YOU'RE NOT MEASURING UP!

vs 4-5

Eph. 5:25

“as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;”

When did this happen?

At the Garden, blood was shed in prayer and conviction out of surrender to God's will that only God would see.

At the cross, Jesus' blood was shed, and His life laid down in a visible expression of LOVE for all to see.

Keeping our first love first, we surrender to the ONE, to express His love to ALL. For as much as you SURRENDER, is as much as you will experience FREEDOM and FULFILMENT!

TIFAW - Eph. 2:10 I am God's masterpiece...**Matt. 5:14** I am a city on a hill. **v16** I let my light so shine before men, that they may see my good works, and glorify my Father which is in heaven.

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