

No Limits

By Emmet Fox

There is no difficulty that enough love will not conquer; no disease that enough love will not heal; no door that enough love will not open; no gulf that enough love will not bridge; no wall that enough love will not throw down; no sin that enough love will not redeem. It makes no difference how deeply seated may be the trouble, how hopeless the outlook, how muddled the tangle, how great the mistake, sufficient love will dissolve it all.

Love Poured Out

“The love of God has been poured out in our hearts” (Romans 5:5).

How could he be so forgiving? I asked myself this question when I read what happened to a South Korean Christian. Arrested by the Communists during the Korean War, he was sentenced to die before a firing squad. But when the officer in charge learned that this man headed an orphanage, he changed the order. Instead he forced the believer to watch as his 19-year-old son was shot to death in his place.

Some time later, the Communist officer was captured by United Nations forces, tried, and condemned to die. But before the execution, the Christian whose son had been killed made an emotional plea on behalf of the officer, asking that he be released into his custody. His request was granted, and eventually the officer was converted to Christ and became a pastor.

As I read that true story, my first response was to say, “I couldn’t do what he did!” But then I remembered that he didn’t do it in his own strength. The forgiveness he showed was God’s love pouring through his soul.

Adapted from Herbert Vander Lugt

The Lord Forgives Us

It’s amazing how the Lord concentrates not on our wrongs, but on our repentance and His forgiveness. When I recognized I had fallen short in showing enough love to others, He spoke to me beautifully, saying, “Well, you’ve repented and I’ve forgiven you, so now just move on.” And He added, “I’m proud of you for going on.” The way the Lord is with us is such a wonderful example of the way we need to be with others.

We need to get the point that when people fail, make mistakes, or even deliberately sin, once they’ve repented we need to forgive them as Jesus forgives us. That means to forget what they’ve done, accept their repentance, love them, and encourage them in the new start that they want to make.

By Maria David

Love ever gives
Forgives
Outlives
And ever stands
With open hands.
And while it lives,
It gives.
For this is love’s prerogative:
To give
And give
And give.

—John Oxenham

Love is not blind; it has an extra spiritual eye which sees the good and possibilities that others cannot see.

—David Brandt Berg

Love is an act of endless forgiveness, a tender look which becomes a habit.

—Sir Peter Ustinov

Love covers a multitude of sins. When a scar cannot be taken away, the next kind deed is to hide it. Love is never so blind as when it is to spy faults. It is like the painter, who, to draw a picture of a friend having a blemish in one eye, would picture only the other side of his face. It is a noble and great thing to cover the blemishes and to excuse the failings of a friend; to draw a curtain before his stains, and to display his perfections; to bury his weaknesses in silence, but to proclaim his virtues upon the housetop.

—Robert South