

Webster defines love as a feeling of strong or constant affection. For many of us, love is simply a four-letter word. We love people. We love cars. We love pizza. And many times, we find ourselves falling in and out of love. So when God says that He loves us with an everlasting love, can we even begin to comprehend what that is or how it's possible?

- 1. Have you ever wanted something so much that it felt like it consumed every area of your life? How did it affect your life (family, friends, work)? How did it affect your relationship with God?
- 2. Why do we feel God needs to prove something to us to show He loves us?
- 3. How can our relationship with our earthly father affect how we feel about being loved by our Heavenly Father?
- 4. Was there ever a time in your life when you felt that God couldn't love you? Why? What changed your perception of God's love for you?
- 5. 1 John 4:8 says, God is love. What does that mean?
- 6. Read 1 John 4:12-17. How can we show God's love to those around us? Can you be a loving person without having a relationship with God?
- 7. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 is a considered to be the "love passage," often quoted at weddings. Read verses 4-8 and replace "love" with "God." Does this provide an accurate description of God?
- 8. What can you do to make God love you more, or less? Don't simply answer "nothing." Have you ever taken the time to comprehend what John 3:16 means? Why is it so difficult to realize the depth of God's love for us? What does confirmation that God loves you look like to you?

Conclusion: God loves you because He created you.