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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

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The Divine Order For Love

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7 NLT – (4) Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud (5) or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. (6) It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. (7) Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

To love is to love our Father, ourselves and our neighbor. Are you struggling with loving yourself or do you even love yourself? You want ignore it, but you can't. You want to call it something else, but instead you get that ill or empty feeling in the pit of your stomach. Your behavior gets you into trouble again and you find yourself repeating your past, telling your stories, doing your thing. You have been acting desperate, acting needy. You have been giving more than you had to give. Settling for less than you needed or wanted and now you feel alone, angry, afraid, guilty and ashamed. It doesn't have to be that way. You just want to be loved, totally and unconditionally. We want to be valued and honored, held and heard, understood and respected. No matter what we have done, where we have been or how we got to where we are now. We just want to be loved. Pray to God and ask Him to open and fill your heart with His love.

Our souls longing to be joined one soul to another for the sake of love. The voice of love is calling out to you. It's whispering gently into your heart, reminding you I'm here for you. I love you just the way you are. Everything you need, want, desire is right here. Love recognizes the jewel that you are right now. Love wants to hold you and comfort you right now. You don't have to work to get love, but it is time to work on you. Its time to work on your heart, your mind, your behavior, your false notions about love that has caused the hurt, the pain, the confusion you blame love for. And while you are working, love will not leave you, dishonor you or take anything from you. Love will fill you and protect you.

Love will remind you that the voice of God is whispering to you from within yourself. God wants you to know He loves you because "God Is Love." In the mean time, tell love where you hurt, tell love why you hurt, how you got hurt and love will heal you. Love is speaking to you and calling you. It's time to listen and recognize love's voice. How will you know? Because the sheep always know the voice of the Shepherd and the Shepherd knows how to take care of the sheep. Love is there caring for you, listening to you, wanting for you to receive its gift. Just open your heart and He will be there right away. The bottom line is we the children of God must learn to love God's way. My brothers and sisters I conclude with this question, "Why isn't being who you are as a child of God good enough for you, if it's good enough for Him?"

SCRIPTURE READING

ROMANS 8:38-39

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Bible is not only the best seller in the world, but it is also the least read best seller in the world.

