

## DOING EVERYTHING IN LOVE

It is written in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hope, always perseveres. Love never fails.”

And yet sometimes we fail in this area. We fail to do everything in **LOVE**. There are times when we think we are doing God a favor and showing our love to Him by proving that our point is right because it is biblical. But the Lord showed me that being right is not always right. What do I mean by this? The scripture is always right and true, we cannot deny it, but we need to check the posture of our hearts and our intention. We may use the scripture to correct someone or to preach and even share it but if we are not doing that in love then it counts for nothing.

Paul reminded the church in Corinth to do everything in love. That meant accepting one another, correcting their misbeliefs, and fleeing from sinful behavior—and to do all that in love for one another and God.

## WALK WITH LOVE

The Lord showed and described to me the weaknesses of some of the beloved that I didn't even know personally, and have a deep conversation with, while He showed me these weaknesses of them. He is right beside them. He knows the weaknesses of each one but can confidently say with a smile on His face “..but I love them.” He showed me that He is not magnifying our failures and weaknesses. Once we live carrying His love in our hearts, these failures and weaknesses will be just like a gentle wind. It will not have any effect or disrupt our true identity. His love will make you fresh and brand new.

This is also where I understand the verse from John 13:34-35 “ **A new commandment I give to you, That you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this shall all men know that you are my disciples if you have love one to another.**” That is why I asked for forgiveness right away from the Lord for the times I magnified the shortcomings and weaknesses of others. I immediately asked myself, If the Lord can cover their weaknesses and failures with His love, who am I to magnify them?

Once we look through the lens of love, we will never magnify the failure or shortcomings of our brother or sister but we will see it as an opportunity to pray, to talk to God first so that if the Lord will let us correct him or her, we will do it with love. Correction with love is like honey. It is kind and gentle. Proverbs 16:24 says, “Kind words are like honey, sweet to the soul, and healthy for the body.”

The bible tells us that because of the increase in wickedness, the love of many will grow cold. ( Matthew 24:12) Let us not be stone-hearted people but people growing in God's love. Saturated in it, and radiating it.

May we emit His love wherever we go and whoever we are with.

May we always stay true and rooted in His love.

May our actions and words be entrenched with love.