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His Love Knows No End

Let me share with you one of the most important spiritual moments of my life. I have found that these moments don't happen often but when they do, you never forget them. These moments affect you for your entire life! I was in my early twenties attending a Sunday school class. There were mostly young people in the class who were hungry to learn more of God, however there was nothing exceptional happening at the moment. I remember having great respect for the lady who was teaching and appreciating what she was sharing because she was a very good teacher of the Word. I'm explaining the environment because this was a simple class, one of many that I had been in but something powerful was about to happen to me. It seemed like the oddest time for it to happen because we were just sitting and listening to her teach God's Word. We were not praying for revival nor were we in deep worship, we were just taking notes, sitting and listening. When all of a sudden I felt a deep weeping come over me, I dropped to the floor and curled up like a baby and cried. I felt a hurt in me so deep that I wailed in long cries and I couldn't stop myself.

This sent the entire class into shock because it happened so suddenly and it only happened to me. Some thought I was having a heart attack while others were preparing to jump on me and cast the devil out of me when the teacher shouted out loud for everyone to leave me alone. She said "This is a Holy thing don't touch him!" On the inside of me I was feeling God's heart for broken people. I could feel how much He cares and loves each person. For twenty minutes I could only cry out loud, long groanings to express the love that He feels for people. As images of different people flashed through my mind, God's heart would reach through my heart in an attempt to rescue them. I felt God's true compassion for mankind in my heart for the first time and it changed me forever.

At times in my life, I would worry that God might give up on me because of my inadequacies. But this experience proved to me the depth of love that God has for each person. Please read with me Ephesians 3:14-19 *"For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."*

When God touched me that day, I realized His love knows no end. If I were to partner with Him, then I too must learn to love as He loves. Lying on the floor weeping I heard the teacher say "this is the call of God coming upon Alan" and I then realized that when God places us into a calling, He also exposes His heart to us as well. Before this I

would chase His power to heal the sick and raise the dead, but I learned that God's desire is to place His heart into us first. I've learned since that moment all those years ago that if I seek after God's heart, I will then discover His power to change things. I also believe that the first requirement for a man or woman to be used of God fully is to see His heart become theirs.

It says in 2 Corinthians 1:3-5 *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ."* The name "Father of mercies" means "bowels of compassion". In other words, from the deepest part of God comes forth compassion for the broken and the lost.

I am humbled at my self-pride as I see how great His love truly is. As this verse describes being "comforted by God" the Apostle Paul is describing how in your season of trials God "desires to pull you close" and "to call you to His side" so as to walk with you through the storms of life. This is the core of our Heavenly Father, that He loves us and desires to walk with us through every hard time that we face. He doesn't stand on the side and watch you struggle, He jumps right in beside you and pulls you close because He loves you. You have a Father who loves you to the depths of His core and He will not ever give up on you. We truly are blessed to be called His children!

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