

When we are children, we have a faith, a childlike faith, we believe in everything we are told because we don't know any better. We believe in the impossible. We also love everything, because we haven't been thrown out to experience the chaos of the world.

Many times we hear that we need to return to a child like faith, and while that is one of the most 1000% true things when it comes to truly following Jesus just looking back at what he says to the disciples in Mark 10:15 "I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn't receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it.", one thing that we also need to return to the Lord put it on my heart back in March is a childlike love.

For example, in 1 Corinthians 13:2 Paul talks about how faith without love is meaningless. So why shouldn't we have to return also to a child-like love that goes hand-in-hand with having a child-like faith?

There has been a point in our lives where we have felt a love like no other, might have felt like the happiest point in our lives. But as we get older and things happen and we are thrown out into the world, we begin to have factors that change our thoughts in emotions. Love is something that is always there, but may be misconstrued throughout the years as we get older. The world gives us this false narrative of love as we grow up whether it's through movies, tv shows, music, ... whatever you want or wherever you consume your information. We begin to believe what the world tells us that... we need to have sex to be loved and are weird if we don't before marriage, need to buy things for others to be loved and we need to have a performance-based love. We're also taught in this day and age that love is love and we can love whoever we want even though that's not true and what God spoke in the world. Love, then doesn't seem as simple as it did when we were kids and we didn't have a worry in the world.

The Lord showed me the one day when I was driving home, listening to the song closing distance and first love vision back to my childhood of when I truly felt love and reciprocated love. I felt the Lord telling me I am taking you back to feel that love with me your Heavenly Father.

Two days later after that in my prayer time, the Lord took me back to that same vision and told me a childlike love is what I'm returning you to. That's where I keep getting this childlike love concept that goes hand-in-hand with childlike faith.

Throughout the Bible faith is paired with love multiple different times. Below are a few examples

- Galatians 5:6
- 1 Thessalonians 1:3
- John 3:16 faith in Jesus is essential in God's love

Faith works by love, it is energized by love, is put into motion by love, and most importantly... love is a demonstration of faith. Faith is not just belief, but it is demonstrated and looked at through acts of love

The funny thing is that we're told that we need to earn love... But we don't need to earn God's love. He loves us for who we are no matter. We don't have to become qualified to be in the running for God's love. A quote I heard recently from a book by Christine Kane said, "you are not a candidate for God's love. You are the object of God's love."

You see, in reality we just need to return to a time that was simple where things were simple, where the concept of love is simple... and God's love is just that... simple.

I don't know where you are today. Whether you have a broken view of love, you are afraid of love because you have been hurt, or maybe you don't understand the love of a father... these can all be affecting how you receive God's love. I can tell you... you aren't alone, because I have been at this point too. I invite you today to be open to the endless love that God has for you. He has so much love He has been waiting to pour out on you... you just have to let Him in.