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GOD'S EXTRAORDINARY LOVE!

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RESPONSIVE READING PSALM 136

Romans 5:5-6, 8 We are loved & saved through God's action, with hope from the Holy Ghost given to us who were lost and had no strength, being wicked and given over to all sin *Vs 8=The apostle Paul's version of John 3:16 Remember, if you are spiritually dead, you are dead... It takes God to bring you to life!*

Luke 15:7 heaven rejoices over the repentant sinner & proves the love of God through Jesus Christ

Lamentations 3:22-23 It is His compassion that protects us from the greatness of His holiness

Romans 8:38-39 NOTHING can separate us from the love of God!! Suffering should not drive us away from God, but should drive us closer to Him, identify with Him, & should allow His love to reach us & heal us.

1 John 4:7-9 Show love for only because of & only through His sacrificial love can we live through Him.

Exodus 34:6 Our hope of heaven is secure because it is not based on anything that is secure in us.

John 3:16 God gave all to call all... He is our model of pure & forgiving love to any & all

Luke 7:36-50 forgiveness of even those judged by

Luke 7:39 He knows our thoughts & biases, just as He knew his...

Luke 7:42 He forgives, as should we... since we are no better than the worst among us!

Ephesians 2:1-2 We started out dead, unresponsive, lost, a child of this world, enemies of God, but He chose to raise us from the dead!

John 3:3 Religion alone won't get you into the Kingdom of God

2 Cor. 4:4 The god of this world controls those who do not believe in the Christ & God of the Universe

1 Cor. 2:14 Before God's intervention, our dead spirits cannot understand nor discern the things of God

John 8:43 Even the "religious" cannot understand; they do not have the ears to hear & are not His.

Rom. 3:11 No one, absolutely no one, seeks God unless He first calls & enables us to come

Romans 8:7-8 the unsaved in-the-flesh man hates God & cannot please Him, ever...you cannot be both carnal & a Christian. Call yourself what you want, but if you are living in the flesh, you are not His.

Ro 1:18 Don't play with God...

Isaiah 55:8-9 Our thoughts are not anything like His; we are too limited, too finite.

Romans 3:23 We are by ourselves entirely unable to be righteous, for we ALL fall short of His glory.

Romans 8:7 the carnal mind cannot & is not able to be respond to God's law; we are helpless sinners

Romans 5:8 His love is so great towards us that even in our worst state, He was willing to die in our place & pay the price of our sin's penalty.

Ezekiel 16:3-6 we were like Jerusalem a throw-away, unlove, unpitied, worthless, but God spoke to us

Ezekiel 16:9-10 brought in by God, He has washed & can wash us in salvation & take us in as His...

John 21:15-17 Do you love me more than things? friends?

Romans 5:7 For whom would you die someone considered "good", or the wealthy, family, or a criminal? Jesus did, for all of them, without measure & to fulfill all the law on our behalf since none ever born can fulfill it on their own.

Matt. 3:17 He was a beloved Son, the Eternal Word, Who was with God & Who created all things, the Radiance of God's glory, the exact representation of His nature, the One Who upholds all things, whom the angels of God worship, Whose throne is forever, Who laid the foundation of the earth, & Who made the heavens whose years will never come to an end! He is God in the flesh made tangible for us!

Deut. 6:5 Love God, and thereby love others, the 2 simple principles that fulfill the intent of the entire Law of God.

Uncertain which choice to make, what to do next?

Ask yourself which course of action best serves these principles.

His nature is love, wisdom, & justice. Do all things with these in mind, & do the best you can to do everything with excellence & thereby honor God & His holiness which constitutes the beauty of His every attribute & action & is made clear through the person & work of Jesus Christ.

Just a note: God had to take Moses out of Egypt to get the Egypt out of Moses. He will do the same for us. Consider the "wilderness" times as times of training & purifying. Only when the 'Egypt' (the baggage, thoughts, & attitudes of the world) is removed from us can He use any of us mightily in His perfect work both in us & for others. Leviticus 19:18

2 Cor. 4:6 Jesus IS that light in our dark hearts Who gives the light of the knowledge of the glory of God!

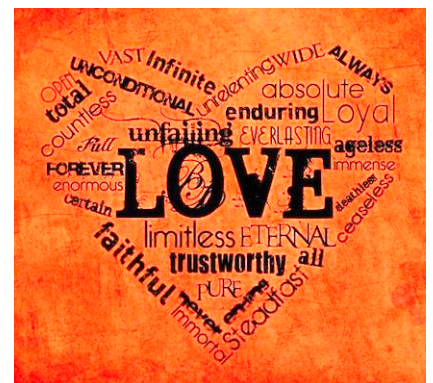
1Pet. 2:9 This is our testimony ~ we are to proclaim the excellencies of Him Who has called us out of darkness & into His glorious light! We must tell neighbors, strangers, families, all about the need to seek to turn to Jesus the Christ, to recognize our need for Him to cleanse us of all sin, to embrace His birth, death, resurrection, & perfection as the only one who could fulfill the law & pay our penalty of sin's work through His love & perfect sacrifice in our place. Only the Love of God could accomplish this!

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He loved us before we even knew Who He was... He loved us when we were sinners and blind to our own sin. He loved us when we became aware of Him but ran the other way... He loved us even when we resisted, fought back, or blamed Him for the consequences of our own choices! How deep is the Father's love for us! He created us for His glory, not our own. Our chief purpose is to learn of Him, realize His great heart for His creation, honor and glorify Him, love Him completely with all our heart, mind, and soul, and to realize we cannot spend eternity with Him without acknowledging our own lack of perfection and our "unholiness." He is a holy God Who by His very nature destroys sin in His presence, yet desires to have us in His presence and with Him. That can only be done through the pathway He provided through Jesus Christ ~ and that sacrifice is the eternal example, our gate, our hope, and the sharing of His extraordinary love! Follow along with the

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