

Firestorm 2013! — Best Ever! COMMUNION!

Love & Abundance — My Cup Overflows

I. Overcoming Fear — Living in Love

1. God is Love. Living in Love is Pure Holiness!

1 John 4:16 NIV And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.

Love is the ETERNAL TRUTH!

2. Love Eliminates Fear

1 John 4:17 In this way, love is **made complete ...in this world we are like him.** 18 There is **no fear in love.** But **perfect love drives out fear,**...

Our role in the *kosmos* is like His — to seek and save what's lost — to HEAL the WORLD through Love!

3. A Prosperous Soul is the INLET for Abundance

3 John 1:2 NAS95 Beloved, I pray that **in all respects** you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.

Comprehensive Infinite

4. In Him (in Love) We Are Surrounded By Infinite Solutions

Mark 9:23 ESV And Jesus said to him, "If you can't! **All things are possible for one who believes.**"

II. David's Transformation to Love

1. Bad History — Father, Brothers, then Saul
2. Bad Feelings & Actions
3. One Thing Right — Pursuit of LOVE!

The Journey to Love & Abundance — Psalm 23

1. Foundation — God is Love and There is Provision!

Ps 23:1 ESV The LORD is my shepherd; Wisdom & Care
I shall not want. Shalom

2. Process of Transformation

a. Rest & Tranquility

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. growth, abundance
He leads me beside still waters. Tranquility

b. Restoration into Relational Confidence

3 He restores my soul. Shuv 180° shift of mind, will, emotion
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake. Tsedeqah viewing rightly

c. Casting Out Fear (Evil)

4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, Beyond Circumstance
for you are with me; Love's Presence
your rod and your staff, Intervention
they comfort me. Consolation -- return to peace

3. Abundance and Overflow

5 You prepare a table before me God (Love) now the HOST,
in the presence of my enemies; Display w/ in kosmos
you anoint my head with oil; Anoint, Attract, Heal
my cup overflows. Abundance... Saturation

4. Endless Blessing (only TOV & CHESED)

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me Tov...Chesed
all the days of my life, Constant Pursuit
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord Restored
forever. Shuv

Here is TRUTH/REALITY:

I shall not want

Life is a Feast

My cup overflows.

III. Transforming the Heart, then the Nations!

1. The David to Solomon Pattern

David got it right and Solomon lived in the Blessing of a **transformed** nation!

*First, we're going to fall in love
Then, we're going to change the world
Let's keep first things first.*

2. Image and Likeness of LOVE!

The One in You is INFINITELY GREATER, UNCREATED, ETERNAL than every obstacle we face!

1 John 4:4 ESV Little children, you are from God and have **overcome** them, for ***he who is in you is greater*** than he who is in the world.

Rom 8:28 ESV And we know that ***for those who love*** God ***all things work together for good***, for those who are ***called*** according to his ***purpose***.

31 ***What then shall we say to these things?*** If God is for us, ***who*** can be against us?

35 ***Who*** shall ***separate us from the love*** of Christ? ...

3. The Truth About The Obstacles — My Problems!

We think we have many problems, really just one — separation from God (from His love nature)

Phil 4:7 ESV Rejoice in the Lord ***always***; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness be known to ***everyone***. The Lord is at hand; 6 ***do not be anxious*** about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication **with thanksgiving** let your requests be made known to God.

7 And the **peace of God**, which surpasses all understanding, **will guard your hearts and your minds** in Christ Jesus.

That which we commit to LOVE is protected from the grips of FEAR.

8 Finally, brothers, whatever is **true**, whatever is **honorable**, whatever is **just**, whatever is **pure**, whatever is **lovely**, whatever is **commendable**, if there is any **excellence**, if there is anything **worthy of praise**, think about these things.

*My Problems are **not even in** God's thoughts:*

Jer 29:11 NKJ For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of **peace** and not of **evil**, to give you a future and a hope.

4. Changing the World by Showing Up!

Col 3:23 NIV **Whatever you do**, work at it **with all your heart**, as working **for the Lord**, not for men, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

If Jesus were your Boss, you might walk in with an attitude of:

Optimism (Be Positive)

Love (Shine)

Joy (Have Fun)

Enthusiasm (Go For It!)

You and I are manifestations of the image and likeness of the Creator – the Holy, Loving, Joyful Trinity. We are a manifestation of Love in Thought, Word, and Deed.

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Our work life is not **separate** from our spiritual life, but **central** to it! Whatever your business, it is your ministry!

How do we BLESS the people we are going to work with, interact with? We remember Who lives within us, and Who we ARE...

(I know the thoughts I have toward you, **thoughts of SHALOM...**)

Pray for their happiness, that we will be an instrument of God's best in their life, that they will be better off for having interacted with us.

1 Pet 2:15 ESV For **this is the will of God**, that **by doing good** you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. **16** Live as people who are **free**, not using your **freedom** as a cover-up for evil, but living as **servants of God**. **17** *Honor everyone.* Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

HONOR: Value, bless, apologize, forgive, thank. Even if they were just part of a lesson, each person has value to God and to God in me, in you.

Appreciate! (Love our enemies)

Pray to become a *Love Sommelier!*

Remove the barriers to Love in your own life and God will fill your life with ONE MIRACLE after another.

Communion — Renounce Fear, Negative Expectation, every unworthy thought, opinion, judgment...

RECEIVE

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INFINITE — ETERNAL — TRUE — CREATIVE **LOVE**