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## Love Never Fails By: Joyce Morris 11/23/86

For the past two weeks the Lord has been speaking to us about some things. Things that we have heard, that have been repeated over and over again. When God starts telling you things he will allow circumstances to come your way so that you can apply the Word. His Word works every time. I've been praying that you will grasp this Word today so that it will change your life. It has changed me. God's Word is constantly changing us.

We are thinking differently. We are looking at things differently. Our attitudes, motives, behavior, and actions are changing. God is constantly bringing us through changes.

If you grasp this Word today you will have a transformation in your life. God wants us to be transformed. Just as the song that we sang earlier, "Come on up son, and bring the morning." There are some people who are going to bring in the morning. They are going to bring in the new day. You have got to come into the morning and the new day before you can bring it to someone else. The Lord has been giving us a Word and teaching us, but I have been speaking to the Lord about lack of power of being able to minister and help people. We feel so limited because sometimes we speak the Word and nothing happens. God has been giving us a Word to show us how to come into this realm of the Spirit where there is no limitation.

There is a realm in the Spirit where Jesus walked and there was no limitation at all. God has shown us that this greater power He wants to give us is where we will be walking in the realm of love and oneness with God. The only way you can be one with God is by loving Him. When you love Him you love all of mankind. It is a realm of love and of seeing everything different from what you had before.

I realize some of you have been studying the subject of love, but I feel God will be giving us even more today. He will encourage you. We have been learning a lot about love, but it is more than just learning. It is to be the expression of love. God is love and God wants to express Himself through you and me.

The only way that God can do that is for Him to change us. We are a people who need to have our lives, our thoughts and the way we look at things, changed. The way we look at people, and also the way we accept people. God says we are not to be conformed to this world. We are not to conform to the ways of others; their actions, their behavior, their attitudes, or

how they look at things. You are no longer in this world, but you are in the Kingdom. In the Kingdom there are different principles; different ways thinking. God's thoughts are higher than your thoughts. He desires to bring your thoughts up to His thoughts, because to be one with God is to think like God. When you are one with someone you are thinking just the way they think. God wants us to live in Zion. Living in Zion is living in the realm of the Spirit. If you live in the realm of the Spirit even vour situations are beautiful. Every situation is beautiful. Ps 48:2." Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King."

In the book of Psalms it says, that God sees darkness and light the same. Psalms 139:12,"Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee." I asked God to give me an example. reminded me about China. used to think that it was so that God terrible allowed Communism to come in and take over China. But I don't anymore. You just might say, well Sister Joyce are you trying to tell me that you think that Communism is ok? No, of course not, I'm not saying that. It is just that God

sees the end result of everything and God saw China worshiping Buddha and other gods. He used darkness, (Communism), to come in to take over the country to destroy all their gods and idols. Then they will have to turn and worship the one true living God. The very thing that we thought was so horrible and so dark (and it was) God didn't look at it that way, because God looks at the end results. He sees the darkness and the light the same. He knew that good was going to come out of it.

He is in control. God is behind everything. He used Russia to come in and destroy all those things and now people in China are turning to the Lord There is such a Jesus Christ. move over there like you have never seen before. All of your situations are beautiful. That is the way God sees them. Eccl 3:11, "He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end." Everything will be beautiful in His time. That is what the Word says. Even all the mess that you see in the world, God is going to turn it all around. That is why you should not get shook up because of what you see happening, because you know that God is in control.

God wants you to know that we have got to be a people to see as He sees. That means your mind has got to be changed. Your way of thinking has to change. You have to start thinking as the Father thinks. That is why He said," Do not be conformed to this world," (be not

conformed to the way they think or the way you used to think)" but be ye transformed by the renewing of you mind." Rom 12:2.

Let's go to *Ephesians 3* in the amplified bible. The message today is "Love Never Fails". Love long suffering. is Sometimes you have to wait a long time as you love a person just the way they are. Love never fails and if you can remember that, then you can hold your peace in different situations. In Ephesians 3:17, Paul was saying that, "Christ may dwell in your heart by faith and that you be rooted and grounded in love."

What God wants more than anything else is for you to be rooted and grounded in His love. We find that many Christians have no stability in their walk, situations, and circumstances in their life, in their homes or even in churches. It is because they are not rooted in Christ. Your roots have got to go deep in Jesus. It is just like a big old tree. Roots that are very deep in a big old tree, a storm can come and there is no way that the tree will fall over. Just as God wants us to be rooted and grounded in Him and in His love. If we are rooted in His love when storms or problems come our way, we will not be moved because you are deeply rooted and trusting in God.

Christians have to learn to get their own relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and be deeply rooted in the love of God. Begin to pray and ask God to help you to have more understanding of His love. What is His love? It takes forever to talk about the love of God. I marvel at his love. His love is not a selfish love. It has no conditions

on it at all. He loves you whether you love Him back or not. He gives to you whether you give anything at all. We need to get rooted in a relationship with God. It says in Ephesians 3:17, "May Christ through your faith dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your heart. May you be rooted deep in love and founded securely on love. " The reason why many Christians feel insecure is because they aren't rooted in the love of God "When you are rooted in the love of God and have a relationship with Him there is a security because of the trust that you have in Him. The same scripture says, "That you may have the power and be strong apprehended and grasp with all the saints (God's devoted people, the experience of that love) what is the breadth and length and height and depth (of it)."

Today in the message that the Lord has given me I believe you will begin to see the breadth and the length and the height and the depth of God's love. You will come to know and experience for your self the love of Christ. I am seeing too many people today with a lot of knowledge, but they are without the fruits of the Spirit. Unless we really begin to experience the knowledge which God has given us, there will be no The Word will just be knowledge to you but God is wisdom. giving us understanding, and knowledge so we can experience it in our walk with Him. As experience it in our walk with Him the fruit will come forth. Fruit produces love, joy, peace and long suffering.

To continued in *Ephesians 3*, "(that you may really come) to know (practically through experience for yourselves) the love of Christ which far knowledge surpasses mere (without experience); that you may be filled (through all your being) unto all the fullness of God (may have the richest measure of the divine presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God himself.)" That is what God wants He wants to bring us into the place where we are full of Him. Where we would be so filled with God, that it is God Himself in the earth. God's thoughts, God's expressions, God talking, God manifested in the earth. whole creation is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God." Rom 8.19, That means waiting for God's nature to be expressed through the body of Christ. To be transformed is the only way that you will be filled with the fullness of God. There has to be a transformation taking place in your mind. transformed means to change in form or structure. To change in condition, nature or character.

Transform, transfiguration and metamorphosis all mean the same thing. Take the butterfly as an example. A caterpillar looks real ugly. It looks like a stinky worm. That is who we are until God changes us. The caterpillar is an earth bound creature and that is what we are when we are bound by thoughts that keep us so earth bound. When the caterpillar is changed into a beautiful butterfly. It is no more earth bound but free to fly in the sky with no limitations. This is why God wants our thoughts to

be transformed into His thoughts. To where we will begin to have the mind of Christ and walk in the Spirit realm where there is no limitation. There is freedom and liberty and no boundaries. The only boundaries that you have are in your mind. God does not want us to be earthly creatures, but Spiritual creatures because we are spiritual beings and He wants us to live in the **Realm of the Spirit**.

He began to show me that it is not too hard to get in the Spirit. You get in God's Spirit by emptying your thoughts and praising God. Then you are in the Spirit of the Lord and you have peace that passes all understanding. God wants us to learn how to remain in the Spirit. God is saying, all that brings us out of the spirit are our thoughts. Nothing else brings us out except the way we are thinking. Every time we get in the five sense realm we come out of the Spirit.

There were two trees in the Garden of Eden. Remember that you are the garden. As long as Adam and Eve partook of the Tree of Life they were in the realm of the Spirit. When they partook of the Tree of Knowledge of good and evil they came out of the Spirit and came into a lower realm. The same thing happens to us. As long as we are in the Spirit and we are seeing as God sees, (according to His Word, what the Word and the Spirit says,) we remain in the Spirit. If we eat of the Tree of Knowledge of good and evil which is the five sense realm, (which is what we see, hear, taste, smell and touch; our feelings and our emotions), we immediately start coming out of the realm of the Spirit. We

have been a people who have been looking at the evil but God showed us something, "Love thinketh no evil." When we are in the realm of love we think no evil.

Remember when Iesus took James, John and Peter to the Mount of Transfiguration. didn't take them until after the sixth day. After the carnal mind and the flesh were dealt with was when He took them to the Mount. When they were on the Mount of Transfiguration there was a change in the body that took place. God showed us that if we stay in this realm that He wants us to come into, there will be a change not only in your Spirit but also in your natural body. We know that Peter represents faith, John represents love and James represents hope. The only way that you can stay in the Spirit is by walking in faith. When we get into unbelief we start worrying. Then we walk out of the realm of God's Spirit.

God is raising up some people and causing us to believe His Word. He is changing our way of thinking. We are walking in the realm of faith. Faith is trust. When we trust someone we are not worrying about anything. When we walk in love, we stay in the realm of the Spirit. When we walk in hope and we know that there is a lot that we hope for, we know God will fulfill. God is trying to get us to stay in the realm of the Spirit. As we do, we will have the greater power for God to use us.

He cannot use us all the time because of the way we think and look at things. We don't look at things the way God does. God looks at things totally different than we do. When we come into the realm of the Spirit, God shows us that we will have to see people as He sees them.

How does God want us to think? What is the heavenly way of thinking? Phil 4:6-8, " Do not be anxious about anything, but in every circumstance and in everything, but prayer and petition with thanksgiving, continue to make your requests known to God. And the peace of which passes understanding shall keep your hearts and mind in Christ Jesus. Finally brethren whatever is true whatever things are honest, whatever things are just whatever is lovely, whatever things are pure, whatever things are good report and there be any virtue and if there be any praise, think on these things." This is what kingdom people must be like. This is the way we have got to think if we want to remain in the Spirit (in a heavenly realm.) As soon as we don't think this way we will come right out of the realm of the Spirit. We are supposed think about to whatever is true. God does not want us to think on the former things.

Isaiah 65:16, "That he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes." If your mind is still on things that happened to you in the past, then you are thinking on the former things. God has taught us a principle. One of the things that we have got to learn is to forgive. Forgiveness is one of the most important things in the Kingdom realm. We have to immediately forgive someone if they do something to you. That is remitting their sin. We are not only remitting their sin but we remit any sin that might enter in us and bring damage to our self.

God is raising up a ministry that will walk in the realm of the Spirit and have no unrighteous judgment in their mind toward anybody. They will have nothing against anybody. Therefore, they will have to learn the principle of what it is to forgive anyone that does anything to irritate them. Some people can do things that can really get to us. God allows it to cause us to come deeper into His love and become a priest who will show His mercy, compassion and love to them. If that person irritates you, and you remain irritated you came out of the realm of the Spirit because you are looking at the fault in the person. Everyone has faults. If you dwell on their faults you start getting mad and irritated. Jesus said that we are not to judge, condemn, or criticize. What does it mean to judge? It means to find fault, and to look at the flaws in people. God's love does not look at the faults. We have got to find a balance. It is true, "Love thinketh no evil". That means that I cannot think anything bad about that other person.

Philippians 4:8, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on

<u>these things."</u> It says, whatever things are true.

How does Jesus look at people? It says in, John 8:10, "When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? Hath no man condemned thee?" John 8:11, "She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more."

Scribes The and the Pharisees brought the woman who committed adultery. They found fault in her. They caught her in the act and brought her to Jesus to trap Him. They wanted to see what He would say. They were telling everybody what she had done and Jesus didn't say anything. He wrote in the ground with his finger. The finger was the Word and the Spirit. He was literally writing in the conscience of there minds. He said, "Anyone here that has no sin in their life let him be the one to cast the first stone". His Word began to deal with their consciences and they couldn't throw the stone. I don't accuse vou either. In other words I don't condemn you. I find no fault. "He said Go and sin no more." He didn't talk about that sin. He didn't rebuke her and use the scriptures on her. He just said, "go and sin no more." John 8:11.

There is a realm of love that will change people. Have you noticed even in your own children that if you keep focusing on, and talk about all the bad things they do, it gets in their mind and they begin to believe that they are really bad. Then they begin to act that thing out

and it becomes true. If you tell them they are no good, that they are bad, and that they are stupid, they will never learn anything.. Some grow with those thoughts and begin to believe what they have heard. When you start bringing out the good in a person, that brings a change. "Love covers a multitude of sins." 1Peter 4:8

In kingdom thinking you come to a place where you have got to make up your mind that you will not let yourself think about or notice the faults of others or dwell on them or speak about them. We have a long way to go, haven't we?

The first thing that happens when you keep looking at your mate's faults or the faults of others, you get upset and irritated and sometimes you even get mad. Then you start to back off and pull away from that person. You are not showing love.

I have learned that the more I would pray about a situation and the more I thought about it the more upset I got. Being a minister, God has taught me a lot of things in this regard. Praying and thinking and getting upset didn't change them. God wants us to come into a place where we begin to see people as He sees them. I said, "God how do you see people"? Just remember Peter.

When He came to Peter He said, <u>"Thou art Simon."</u> Simon comes from the name Simeon and says that: <u>"... instruments of cruelty are in their habitations." Gen 49:5.</u>

He was of the tribe of Simeon. Simon lost his cool a few times. He denied the Lord three

times. The bible says that Jesus beheld him, and if you behold someone it means that you are looking him over real good. John 1:42, "And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, He said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is interpretation, A stone." In other words (I'm not going to call you Simon I will call you a Stone.) God always sees the finished product. He always looks at the end result of things. If you get your eyes on the way the church looks at things today you will get upset. Sometimes when we look at the body here we can get very upset also. God desires us to look at the end result, the finished product. He doesn't look at things the way we do.

I think of Gideon. The Angel came and said, "Thou art a mighty man of God." In reality, he was not. He said, "I am weak. I'm the least in the whole house. You're calling me God?" God calls things even though they are not. He calls them as they are. The Lord sees things totally different from the way we do. God sees all creation forgiven. We need to stop finding fault with people, and walk in the realm of forgiveness and remission of sin, because to remit means to forgive.

This word came to me and I have not been able to get it off my mind, when I went to this play. There were these prisoners, back in a time of real wickedness. The prisoners were all depressed because they were waiting to go to the death chamber. They became angry with the poet because he came in and was happy. He didn't live in his

circumstances, and didn't let the atmosphere get to him. He lived according to what the Word says. He didn't live in reality. They told him that he lived in an imaginary land, but he really didn't. He was seeing his circumstances totally different. He believed that he was a king and that he could change things. He was happy all the time and he never looked at evil. He looked only at the good. He saw everything as good. There was a prostitute, and all the men were making fun of her, and saying what she was. Then he walked in and said that she was beautiful and that she was a virgin. They all got upset over that. They said, "This guy is crazy. He just doesn't see what is real. This woman is what she is! They said you just don't live in reality. You are insane." He said, "No, to live in reality is insanity." We are to look at the things that are not seen. If you look at the things that are seen, then you are insane. You are living in the truth when you look at the things that are not seen. The Word says to think upon what is true. What is true? The end result of something is what God sees. He sees the end result of all creation.

He sees the church perfect. He sees the church glorious and beautiful. He sees the church covered by the blood of Jesus Christ. God wants us to begin to see that. We gossip and see the faults of others, but if you are going to remain in the realm of the Spirit you will not be allowed to gossip. That means that if you see some bad things, you cannot and tell it to come back somebody else. If you want to stay in the realm of the Spirit, the only report that you can give is a good report. God showed me what a bad report does.

A few weeks ago I had this person come in and the Lord had me giving them all these good reports of what was going on. Then they were giving me a bad report of a situation and the whole atmosphere in the room changed.

God wants us to speak life. He wants us to think life. He wants us to have life and have it more abundantly. The only way we are going to have life more abundantly is to stop thinking the way we have been thinking. In this heavenly realm you can't go around judging people. Judging means, finding fault. You mean that I can't talk about other people's faults? Some of us need a big zipper on our mouth. I realize that we can't do this, just like that. It takes the Spirit. We can't do anything without God. With God we can do all things. We can do all things in Christ Iesus. I know that love never fails.

God reminded me that when I was down at Lorton prison, Brother Gray gave us a bad time and God said, "Just love him." We loved him for two years and now he loves us. Isn't that beautiful. For a while there I would come home from Lorton and be so irritated and get upset, but God would remind me, "Love him, just love him." would go back with that attitude of love and with a big smile on my face. When you love somebody, it kills that irritation that is in you. It kills that flesh that is in you.

God began to show me why he had that man there, and the

good that was in him. You have got to dwell on the good that is in the person. It took two years but now the guy loves me. I can feel the love of God coming back to People can feel your thoughts. You could be standing with someone and say, "I love you," with a big grin on your face but in your thoughts you could be saying, "I can't stand this guy." Your thoughts sometimes speak louder than your words. That person can feel what you are thinking. I have had people hug me and say, "I love you Sister Joyce," but I'd know within what was coming through the body and the mind. God didn't want me to dwell on that.

God showed me that Jesus never condemned. He didn't even find fault with the woman who had five husbands. When the disciples came, they got very angry because Jesus was there talking to an adulteress woman; a sinner. They got very angry, but notice that Jesus didn't say, "Hey guys I was just talking to this woman, and do you want a good piece of news? She has had five husbands." No! Jesus didn't say anything about that. All your criticism, back biting, gossiping has got to go. All of your fault finding has got to go. You have enough faults of your own. Tend to your own garden.

I had a garden. It is a lot of work. If you don't tend to it, weeds start growing in it. There are a lot of thorns and thistle growing up in your garden. If you are trying to tend to everybody else's garden, there are a lot of thorns and thistles growing up in your own garden that needs tending too.

You've got to get the beam out of your own eye first; then you can help the other brother. Do not condemn him, love him, because love changes people. Start thinking about the good in that other person and then tell them about those things. As you do, it will begin to pull them to the love of God that is in you. Then you can begin to teach them and instruct them of God's Word. In teaching God's Word, unless it is by the Spirit, it will not do any good at all.

In the book of *Revelation*, *Chapter 2, verses 2, 4, & 5.* When Jesus talked about the seven churches, He always talked about what was good in each church first. He said, "I know your works. I know your patience. I know your long suffering. know that you have been tried and tested but I have somewhat against thee." He pointed out all the good that was in the church and then said very little about what He had against them. Do you see the love of God there? Isn't God good? These are the principles that God wants us to learn. God's way, works. God wants to change our thoughts. If we walk in the realm of love we will be able to stay in the Spirit. We are not to look at faults, but look at the end result and how God is going to do a complete work and finish the very thing that He started. God wants us to see all our situations as beautiful. If you are going to stay in the realm of the Spirit, you can never murmur and complain. You cannot make any exceptions.

I asked God, "Does this mean that I'm supposed to bring good tidings and I'm supposed to think and speak about good things and I'm supposed to give a good report? When someone comes along and gives me a bad report, how do I handle that?" God said, "Change the subject and get that person totally off the track of what they were saying. They will forget about the bad report." God wants us to speak good things.

"How beautiful upon the mountain are the feet of him that brings good tidings and publishes peace." Isa 52:7. If we are going to stay in the spirit then we have got to make up our mind that you can't complain ever again. How many want the power of God? Have you ever seen a balloon deflate? That is what happens when you complain and murmur. You just popped your bubble. Murmuring and complaining does not change your situation, it makes it worse. Your situations are beautiful. He is trying to get us to arise in the Spirit where everything is beautiful. The way we can see everything beautiful is with an attitude of worship, praise, and thanksgiving. God wants us to that complaint thanksgiving, because the Word says, "In everything give thanks for this is the will of God." Remember those who went up to the Mount of Transfiguration? Faith, Hope and Love. If you are murmuring and complaining you are not believing God. someone does something to you and you tell God and complain about it, God is not going to listen to you. If you want to have a greater power in God, then from this day forward, you can't complain.

People have said, "Sister Joyce, you just don't know my

situation. If you knew my situation you wouldn't be saying those things." I have had some beauties myself and I wish I knew then what I know now, because I could have been saying they were beautiful. Now I look back and all my situations were beautiful and working to my good. I was crying and wasted all that strength and energy when it didn't have to be that way. It was working death in my body instead of life. If I had seen the situations as beautiful I would have been happy. Laughing and happiness are medicine to your body, but getting depressed, that isn't. When you are in that state of depression, death is working in every member of your body. We are supposed to think upon these things.

Do you mean I can't think on the bad things anymore? Yes! You have to cross them out. Well, how do you do that? Remember the scripture, Gen 6::2, "That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose." That meant that they went into the soulish realm and they lived in the five senses. Everything they saw was bad. They constantly had evil in their mind. We think to have evil in the mind is to think ugly thoughts. But worry is evil. Unbelief evil. Complaining is evil. Finding fault is evil. Anything that is not of God's Word, is evil.

God said, "I am going to destroy all flesh." He brought floods of water to cover the earth in order to destroy the flesh. God is destroying our thoughts by the Word and the Spirit. As we sit week after week, He is saturating

our mind with the Word and the Spirit. He is washing our mind and changing our thoughts, attitudes, and the way we used to look at things. He is changing our mind to see as God sees. "God sees darkness and light the same. "We may see it bad, but God doesn't see it as bad.

Remember that the Lord was angry with those in Noah's time, because they had every imagination and evil thought, and that is what we have had. II Cor. 10:4-6 says, "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty through God to the pulling down of the strongholds. Casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ and having a readiness to judge all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled".

You can do all things in Christ Iesus. Nothing impossible with God. Anything that bring us out of the Spirit and where we have no peace and are irritated, has come about because of the thoughts that we have. We lose our peace when we start looking at our circumstances the wrong way, looking at people the wrong way, looking at situations with the wrong attitude. The way we cast down the imagination and bring that thought into captivity is by replacing that thought with a good thought. We replace that thought with the Word of God.

If you begin to look at a persons' faults and the bad in them, you will start to get upset, irritated, and even depressed. You should know immediately that anything that causes it, is not

coming from God. We get so upset over things that don't upset God at all. As soon as we get in that state of depression etc. We know that we have done wrong. We have to check our thoughts. What am I thinking about that person? Start picking out some good things. There is some good in everyone. Remember what God said He would do for each of us. Look at the end result of that individual. It doesn't matter how many years it takes. Sometimes it takes a long time to see a change. Love suffers long, and never fails.

I used to think, "I have loved for a long time and haven't seen a change yet." There is no time in God. He sees the end result. If it took a hundred years, God would still always see the end results. That is what I have to keep looking at. Looking at the end result of things and not at what is going on now. I know this is heavy but it is true.

Now to get back to the principle of the play I had mentioned earlier. Because the man kept saying the woman was beautiful, and a virgin and he kept a good frame of mind, the others got mad. Love torments and upsets the apple cart, and by not giving up you will see a change. If you keep your eyes on Jesus and quit looking at what people are doing, you will not lose your patience and you won't get upset, because God is in control.

The others told the man to look in the mirror of reality. In other words, "Take your eyes out of the spirit realm and look at the circumstances, look at reality. "She is an adulteress." When he began to look in the mirror of reality he began to sink into a

spiritual death. That is exactly what happens to us when we come out of the realm of love. When we look at the circumstances we begin to spiritually die.

She ran to him and held his hand, and said "I am a virgin. I believe what you said. She ministered to him and brought life to him. He began to overcome. "Love covers a multitude of sins."

I think of Noah. Gen 9:23. The one son ran and told them what Noah was doing, but the other two sons covered him up. God wants us to begin to think as He thinks, talk as he talks, live as He lives. The only way you can do this is to let God renew your mind, in changing your attitude, thoughts and reactions toward people. It works. Look at Matthew 22:37. "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." (God is looking for a people who will have a heart after Him). When your soul is married to the Spirit there is a marriage, a union, and a love affair. You are not married to the five-sense realm. When your soul is married to the Word and the Spirit, no matter what you see, no matter what is going on around you, you are going to stand on God's Word. You will say, "This is what God's Word says, so this is what I believe and am going to say." Your soul begins to be married to the Spirit. scripture says, "To love God with all of thy mind." How do we love God with all of our mind? You love God with every part of your mind by thinking the way He thinks and what He teaches.

When you complain and murmur then you are not loving God. When you murmur and are thinking bad about people you are not loving God. Loving God with all of your mind is being in Kingdom thinking, which is what God thinks. It is a new way of A new way of doing things. It is a whole brand new life and you don't learn it overnight. It is gradual. God works it in to you. It is line upon line, teaching you a little here and a little there and you begin to put it into practice.

The second commandment is, "Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself." God was showing me who your neighbor is. I hope I can get this across to you. Your neighbor is anybody who is next to you. That means even a person who is not saved.

To love your neighbor as yourself means to love your neighbor as being part of you, because everybody in the whole entire world came out of God. Every human being came out of God so they are a part of you. Every human being in the entire earth makes one man in the world. Love them as you love yourself. Do things for them as God directs, and as you would have them do for you. The principle that the Lord was teaching me was simple and clear.

One week I was going to the store and I began to come to the realization that every person in that store was a part of me. He is the head and we are the body. Everybody is a member or a part of that body. When you see that individual you do for them as you would have them do for you. The principle that I want to get

across to you is that when I came to the realization that every person was part of me, when you go out (maybe into a store) you are aware of others around you. I was in a store and a woman was there with two little ones. One baby was crying and the other was taking things out of the cart. I thought if I were in that situation what would I want someone to do for me? I would want someone to come and help me and not to just stand there and look. Generally we just stand there and look but God moved me over there to help that woman. She was so thankful. She said God bless you and have a wonderful day. They can feel the vibrations of the love of God coming out of you toward them and God only knows how that will affect them down the road. You don't know what God does. The very thing you do for someone else, you are doing it for Iesus.

Jesus gave this example—He said," when I was sick you came to see me, when I was in prison you visited me, when I was naked you clothed me. They said, But Lord where were you? He answered, when you did it for the least you have done it to Me."

We limit ourselves. We think because they are adulterers, or thieves or slanderers, or in other such things, that we should not do anything for them. They are part of the body of Christ. All day the Lord was showing me people with needs. One person couldn't get their groceries in the car so we went over and helped them. They look at you like you are crazy. A total stranger comes and helps. I am not trying to give myself any credit, I just want you

to see what is happening. Whatever you sow you reap and whatever you are doing to that person, you are literally doing it through, and to the Christ. Then it comes back to you. All day God was allowing people who had needs to come our way, and we would just go and help.

One guy was working and his hands were freezing. offered to go and buy him some gloves, he couldn't believe a total stranger would want to buy him a pair of gloves. They try to figure you out because they see something thev don't understand. Every time you are doing something for another human being you are doing it to the body of Christ. When you are doing it to the body, then it returns, not only to the body, but it returns to the Head also. Every kind thing that you do to another individual it is literally affecting Jesus Christ Himself, because He is the Head, you are the body, and anything that happens in the body eventually goes to the Every time you think good things about people, Jesus knows because it affects Him.

At the end of the day everything that the Lord had me do for those people had made me late. This woman, a man and a little boy were ahead of me. The woman saw me and I could feel nothing but love coming out of her. She was a total stranger, but she ran over and told two people to get out of my way. I got to the counter and a man with a lot of groceries saw that I had only one item, and he said, "You go ahead of me." God began to show me that what you have done to my people, I am returning it to you. When you have the mind of Christ and you take the time, just look what happens.

What does it mean to have the mind of Christ? Let's go to Phil 2:4, "Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. 5, Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. " When we begin to look on the needs of others, we begin to lose sight of our own needs. We begin to help others and God turns right around and ministers to us. That is the principle of the Kingdom of God. We are not to worry about our needs, but we have our mind on and concern for others. God turns it right around and he helps you. When we walk in the realm of love, and in this way of thinking, that is when the Kingdom will be established in the earth. The Kingdom of God is established in the earth through the mind of Christ.

How did hatred and murder happen? It had to start in a thought in the mind first. Whatever is created in the mind is manifested in the body. When we have bad thoughts in our mind we are causing that to strengthen the force of evil. When we think good things then it is establishing the Kingdom in God wants us to the earth. establish His Kingdom in the earth. God looks at things in a different way than we do.

I would like to share this with you. There was a man in New Jersey and he was sharing that God was telling him not to look at evil, and that love thinketh no evil. God was teaching him to walk in the realm of love. So one day he came home and found his garage door was open. He heard someone in

the garage and he knew a thief was in there trying to steal something. God quickened his mind and told him to walk in the realm of love. God said, "See this man as I see him," and he began to see the man in the realm of love. He walked in and he didn't say, "What do you think you are doing?" He went in and said, "Can I help you? Is there anything I can do for you? there anything you need?" Well that blew that thief's mind and he got so confused he forgot what he was doing. The man just walked the guy out of the garage and talked to him like he was just a normal human being. He walked the guy down the street to his car, then left him and went back home. God said again, "I am going to teach you to walk in the realm of love and not look at evil." One day this same man was at home and a young man came and told him that a neighbor's house was being robbed. There was a guy taking a stereo out of the neighbor's window. He was climbing in and out of the window, hauling things out of the house. have to do something. He is robbing this man's house." He forgot the lesson that God had taught him and he got irritated. He got angry and said, "I'm going over there and tell that guy off. What does he think he is doing?" He confronted the guy, then instantly he saw the guy reach in his jacket and getting ready to pull out a gun. God quickened in his mind that he was not walking in the realm of love. As soon as he heard the Lord's voice he immediately changed his thoughts and said, "God bless you brother how are

you doing today?" The guy pulled his hand out of his jacket and reached out to shake his He must have been wondering what was going on. He began to explain that they were there cleaning gutters. So the guy came over and watched what they were doing. talked and the guy finished the work and left. After the man left, he proceeded to call the police so that he wouldn't do these things to others. God was teaching him that when you react to evil you give it strength. How do you over come evil? You overcome it with good, not with bad. literally overcame evil because he walked in the love and goodness of the Lord.

God showed us a long time ago that when we had gone down to minister at Lorton prison, not to notice the lust. He said, "Don't ever see that because if you do then that lust will manifest itself." We asked the Lord to help us to see them as He sees them.

We just see an individual whom God has forgiven and doesn't condemn him. When we did that, we didn't give the lust in them any strength. God knows where they are, but His love changes people.

We have been eating of the tree of good and evil. God wants us to eat of the Tree of Life. As we make up our minds that we want to walk as one with God then we have got to think as He thinks. The only way that can happen is He will bring circumstances our way for us to put His Word into practice.

I'll share with you how I have been doing it. You get up in the morning with the attitude

that this is the day that the Lord has made and I will be glad and rejoice in it. *Ps* 118:24. No matter what comes your way, you have an attitude of praise thanksgiving. As your thoughts change, so will vour circumstances. Your enemies can't hurt you at all. It is just reaction toward enemies that can hurt you. How you react is what can hurt you. Jesus called His enemy a friend.

Every situation that you find yourself in is to push you deeper in God, into the realm of the Spirit. He is training and teaching us to walk in the realm of love. If love thinketh no evil, then that means I cannot think anything bad about another person. Doesn't that hurt the flesh? I am not saying that you will not think things at times. But if you continue to have those thoughts then it will begin to affect you. Pray and give it to God, then leave it there.

Get up in the morning with praise and attitude of thanksgiving, then fellowship with God. Go through the day allowing God to bring circumstances your way to teach you to stay in the Spirit. Then when you come out of the Spirit and you have anxiety, ask God, "What are my thoughts that brought me into that realm that is not like you? What am I thinking that has made me feel this way?"

God began to show us that as we begin to think life, on good things, and a good report, what is happening is that your thinking is going to affect your body and your body will become healthier. When you think on death it flows to the members of your body. When you think life it flows into

the members of your body. Love thinks no evil.

1 Cor 13:4. "Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up Love suffers long." If you feel bad because you have suffered for a long time, stop and think of how long He has suffered. He has waited so long for us to get our act together. "Love suffers long and it is kind." That means that you have to bless your enemies. In order to bless your enemies you can never say anything bad about them. You have to bless them with your words because even your enemies have something good about them.

"Love is kind" and that means you are to have kind words even for your enemies. We have all been there. We have all told what our enemies have done to us. God has really been working on me and I have a desire to walk in a greater realm than what I am in now. I am not satisfied with where I am at. I know that God wants us in this realm of love. Walking in the realm of love, is the greater power that will set all creation free.

We are called to minister as He sends us into this Jesus. world as He was sent. He told us to remit the sins, not to retain them. In John 20:21-23, Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. 22, And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: 23, Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained. Remit means: to

forgive, to pardon, not guilty, to free someone from prison, to remit a debt. So we are to go and remit the sins of the people, not to retain them. We can do that because Jesus has pardoned them. Jesus has paid the debt. So love is kind. That means that we have to learn to be kind to say kind things. Back to 1 Cor. 13.

"Love suffers long. It is kind. It envieth not." If you see God blessing someone more than He is you, then you have not had God's love perfected in you yet. "Love envieth not," Envy causes death to work in the members of your body. It cannot bring life. This true love doesn't go around boasting about itself. It gives God the glory and is not puffed "It does not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not its own. Not easily provoked." If you get provoked, you have lost your cool. You are not in the love of God.

You have to let God work this love in you. God works it in you by bringing some enemies along your way. He will bring people along that you don't like, or people who irritate you. They are just irritating that part in you that is not love. He will use your family, your mate, your children, or the people you work with.

"Love thinketh no evil." So when we think of others faults, irritation starts working in you. God says pray for them but don't continue to think about it. "Rejoice in the truth and love beareth all things. It believeth all things, hopeth and endureth all things. Love never fails. "Maybe you have loved someone for many years and nothing has happened yet. You say, "Love is not working. I just don't see it"

There are two sides of God's love. There is a corrective side. There are times when God will use you to correct an individual but not until you have shown the love of God so that they can be willing to listen to you. If they don't see the love of God in you, they are not going to listen to you. If you have loved the individual for a long time and have endured a lot of things, the day will come when they are going to listen to some instructions. People will not listen to the Word unless it is God's time. As we wait on God's time then we will be able to teach them the right way to live.

Isa 2:3, "And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem."

The Word says let us go up to Zion and learn the ways of the Lord. The time is coming that when you begin to see as God sees, you will not have to tell people to come to Mount Zion. They will say, "Let us go up to Zion." You don't have to say you have to learn the ways of God. You're not going to make it. The time is coming when they see people in Zion that are walking in the Spirit. They are going to say, "Let us go up to Zion and learn the ways of our God." They will come running to you. come you are happy all the time? How come you are full of love no matter what I do to you? What is the secret? How come you are never upset or never depressed?" Then you can begin to teach them the ways of God.

As you walk this thing out, then people will want what you have. They don't want to hear about your great revelations. They want to see something that is genuine and real. As you walk and live it out the time will come when they will ask questions. When they ask the questions, then you can minister the ways of God.

1Co 13:8-10, "Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

9, For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. 10, But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away."

We live in a part realm, because we haven't entered into the perfect love of God yet. God has to work that in you through a process. Every individual has God's love spread abroad in love in our hearts. It is just yielding to that love and releasing it. Not going by your feelings. Have you ever had someone do something to you and you just shut up the love of God that is in you? You didn't let that love flow out of you to that person. Release the Christ and let God's love flow to that individual. Even when you don't see a change you must not look at the things which are seen, but look at the things, which are not seen. That means I have to look at the Word-which is the end result. God wants to bring a change in your whole way of thinking and your whole way of living.

I remember when I was flying to Florida, I was reading a magazine article about Mother Theresa, a catholic nun. I read that she saw every human being in the world as the body of Jesus Christ. She had the ministry of going out into the streets of very poor countries giving out medicine and ministering to them with great care. If any of the nuns with her treated anyone harshly she took them aside and said, "Don't you understand that whatever you do to that person, you are doing it to Jesus.

The way you talk about people and the way you think about people you are doing it to Jesus Christ. That is why she had a tremendous ministry. God used that woman miraculously. You should read about her life. She saw every person as a part of Jesus Christ and she ministered to every person as though it were Jesus himself.

That is why when ministers come through here, we fix dinners for them just as though we were fixing it for Jesus. Sometimes they eat like a king. We should treat everyone that way. That is how God wants us to operate.

Take God's Word today. Meditate upon it. Think about it and get up in the morning with an attitude of praise thanksgiving and one motive in your mind—love. When people start doing bad things to you, don't dwell on it, just praise God. "In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ <u>Iesus ".</u> If you start getting upset and irritated, praise God and forgive, the irritation will leave and God will give you peace in your mind again. Put it in practice. AMEN.