



## ***Faith in the Love of God***

***"What a man desires is unending love..." – Proverbs 19:22a***

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### **Process of Increasing Faith in God's Love**

#### **Know:**

1. God's love is expressed through grace:
  - God's grace is sufficient for me.
  - God's desire is for me to prosper
  - God has already demonstrated his love for me.
2. The devil is a liar.
3. What the Word says about my situation.

### **Ephesians 2:7-9 (New International Version)**

**7**in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. **8**For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— **9**not by works, so that no one can boast.

### **1 John 4:7-11 (New King James Version)**

**7** Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. **8** He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. **9** In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. **10** In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. **11** Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

### **God's Love is Expressed Through Grace**

- **God's Grace is sufficient**

#### **2 Corinthians 12:9 (New International Version)**

**9**But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.



- **God's desire for me is to prosper.**  
**Jeremiah 29:11 (New International Version)**  
11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
- **Remember what God has already done for me.**  
**1 Chronicles 16:12 (New International Version)**  
12 Remember the wonders he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,

### **Know the Devil is a Liar**

#### **John 8:43-45 (New International Version)**

43 Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. 44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. 45 Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me!

#### **1 Peter 5:7 (Amplified Bible)**

7 Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully.

### **Know What the Word Says About My Situation**

#### **2 Corinthians 1:19-21 (New Living Translation)**

19 For Jesus Christ, the Son of God, does not waver between "Yes" and "No." He is the one whom Silas, Timothy, and I preached to you, and as God's ultimate "Yes," he always does what he says. 20 For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding "Yes!" And through Christ, our "Amen" (which means "Yes") ascends to God for his glory.

21 It is God who enables us, along with you, to stand firm for Christ. He has commissioned us,

#### **Isaiah 55:11 (New King James Version)**

11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth;  
It shall not return to Me void,  
But it shall accomplish what I please,  
And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.