

the **Gift**
of **Love**



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We **love**
because God loved us first.

1 John 4:19 CEV

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Love. It creates the most exhilarating emotional high known to humanity—the overwhelming fullness of spirit when a child is born, the heart-pounding anticipation of reuniting with someone special. And it also has the means to deliver the most excruciating emotional pain—losses, betrayals, absences.

The more we love, the greater the agony.

But we know that love is so much more than simply emotion. Love in action, we say. And we don't mean hugs of affection.

We mean service. We mean sharing. We mean sacrifice.

When emotions ebb and flow, love can remain, steady and strong. What kind of power is that? Where does that come from?

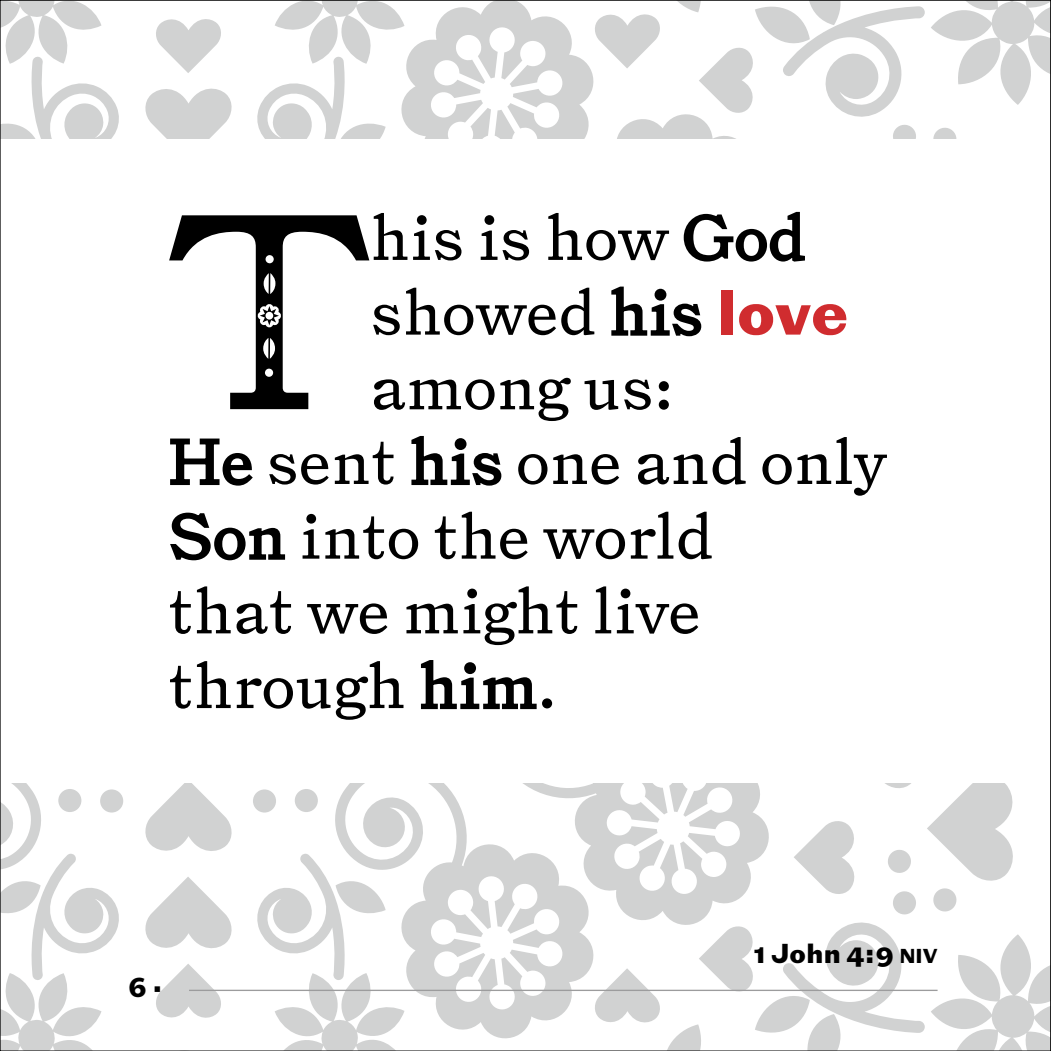
The Bible gives us the answer. The Source. God. God who loved us first, and loves us still.

Savor these words from God's book, the Bible. Slow down with them. Let them stir you up, or even trip you up. Let them speak to you about love in ways you've never heard before. Or maybe in ways you've heard all your life. Whatever their impact, in every situation, every second of every day, remember this one truth:

*You are **loved.***



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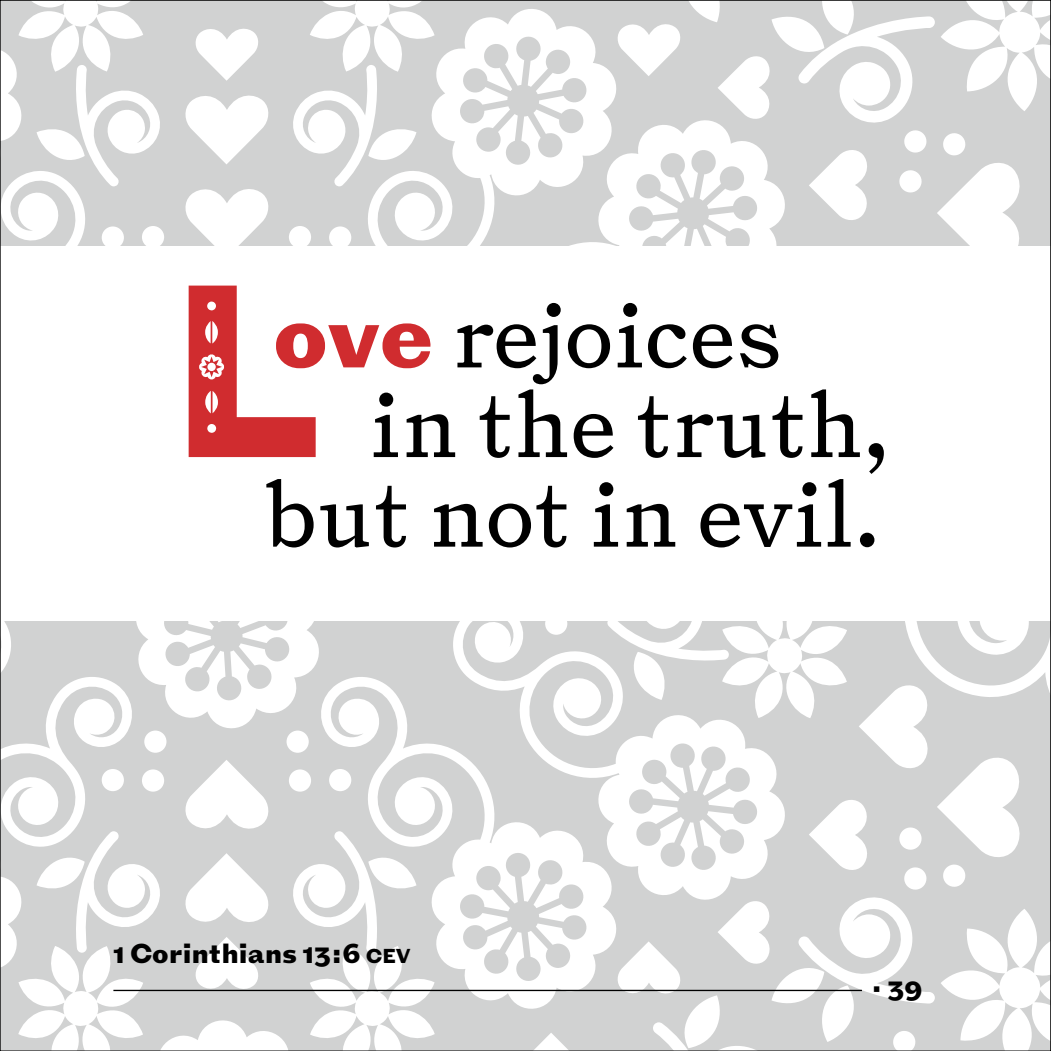
This is how **God**
showed **his love**
among us:

He sent **his** one and only
Son into the world
that we might live
through **him**.

Let all who take refuge
in you rejoice;
let them sing
joyful praises forever.
Spread your protection
over them,

Love is kind and patient,
never jealous, boastful,
proud, or rude.

Love isn't selfish
or quick tempered.
It doesn't keep a record
of wrongs that others do.



Love rejoices
in the truth,
but not in evil.



**Love
never
fails!**

So now
faith, hope,
and **love** abide,
these three;
but the greatest
of these is **love**.

1 Corinthians 13:13 ESV

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