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Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord...

# Pray That Our Hearts Are Filled With Bold Love and That Our Love Gets Bigger Than Our Fears

And we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and the one who remains in love remains in God, and God remains in him. In this, love is perfected with us so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment, for we are as He is in this world. There is no fear in love; instead, perfect love drives out fear, because fear involves punishment. So the one who fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because He first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For the person who does not love his brother he has seen cannot love the God he has not seen. And we have this command from Him: The one who loves God must also love his brother. Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Messiah has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father also loves the one born of Him. This is how we know that we love God's children when we love God and obey His commands. For this is what love for God is: to keep His commands. Now His commands are not a burden, because whatever has been born of God conquers the world. This is the victory that has conquered the world: our faith. And who is the one who conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

1 John 4:16-5:5 (HCSB)

## **Reflections**

If we are going to love boldly and have that love so fill us that it becomes bigger than our fears, it will not come from our own mental ascensions nor our best personal efforts. It will be a supernatural work of the Holy Spirit that we give ourselves to completely, boldly asking God to do what most of us have never seen with our own two eyes.

Romans 5:5 promises us that God's love has literally been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. As 1 John 4:16 proclaims, God is love and we know and believe the love He has for us . . . and we actually have that very love poured out from Him into our own hearts! Now, that is cause for boldness!

That kind of love is the ammunition that no fear can overcome and no gate of Hell can prevail against. That kind of supernatural love, His love, is what we then go out into the world covered-by and filled-with so that we can do the good work He prepared in advance for us to do. That God-love through the Holy Spirit is what enables every one of us to love the unlovable and serve the ungrateful and minister to the unlikely and believe the impossible and obey Him even when everything in our flesh wants to go our own way. "Whatever has been born of God conquers the world. This is the victory that has conquered the world: our faith."

## Prayer

Abba, we need You! You are the source of everything

## Challenge

Ask God to make you aware of how His supernatural and bold love fills you through the Holy Spirit today, and then obey Him with joy wherever you go.

### For Discussion

What fear is bigger than His love right now in your life?

What season of your life, what person, what situation has God purposely fashioned so that His love can be boldly manifested though you?



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we need and Your love changes everything. We ask You now to make us aware of the love that You pour into our hearts through Your Holy Spirit. We want to operate in Your bold love toward those around us, so that Your Name is rightly glorified. We, together, ask You to make us bold as we love You and love our neighbors. And let us rejoice as we watch Your love cast out every fear holding us back from accomplishing Your purposes in the earth. We have been called for such a time as this, as Your Ekklesia, Your assembly, so let us run this race with endurance and boldness looking unto Jesus, our King!

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