

New Beginnings 2023

“Love Ordered My Steps”

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Text: Psalm 37:23 *The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. ²⁴ Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand. ²⁵ I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.*

Introduction: 2023 is your year of “Love Conquerors All!” Today we trust the Holy Spirit manifests His Unconditional Love and His steps ordained for us to transform this world. An anointing service will crown today’s meeting!

1. Know you are anchored in Love
2. Believing is Being
3. Love’s work – Your next step is a response to God’s Love for you!
4. Come back from a set back

1. Know you are anchored in Love

1 John 4:15 *Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. ¹⁷ Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.*

A. Know God’s Love for you – The Holy Spirit’s witness

- **The combined witness of the Holy Spirit and your human spirit attests to truth. God Fathered you, now you are the Child of God. Experience all the attributes of your Heavenly Father’s love.**

Romans 8:1 *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. --- ¹⁰ And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. --- ¹⁵ For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. ¹⁶ The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: ¹⁷ And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. --- ²⁶ Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. ²⁷ And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*

- **We know!**

²⁸ *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. ---*

Hebrews 7:24 *But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. ²⁵ Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.*

B. Know you received the Gift of Righteousness!

Romans 5:17 *For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; **much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.**)*

2 Corinthians 5:21 *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that **we might be made the righteousness of God in him.***

C. Being the object of His Love, He bought you through Jesus' sacrifice to raise you in His Resurrection. You now stand together with Jesus in His Righteousness!

Colossians 1:21 *And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled ²² In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:*

D. I am anchored in Love!

Ephesians 3:17 *That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; ¹⁹ And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. ²⁰ Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,*

1 Corinthians 13:8 NIV *Love never fails-----*

His Knowledge empowers us to declare:

- **I am Loved by God**
- **I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus**
- **I Love God with all my soul, mind and strength**
- **I Love Myself**
- **I am saved, safe, secure, supported, significant and surrounded with favor**
- **I know and grow deep roots in the Love of Christ**
- **Love never fails**

2. Believing is Being

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Romans 10:10 *For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

A. Believing you are loved changes your identity

- **We live through Him**

1 John 4:9 *In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.* ¹⁰ *Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation (satisfying God's wrath with His blood) for our sins.*

B. Against all opposition I believe and declare, “No! I am who I Am says I am, More than a conqueror!”

We say, “*No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.*”

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Romans 8:31 *What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?* ³² *He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?* ³³ *Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.* ³⁴ *Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.* ³⁵ *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?* ³⁶ *As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.* ³⁷ *Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.* ³⁸ *For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, ³⁹ Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

C. My Identity is established; therefore, I declare “All of God’s Promises and All He Reveals is finished before it manifests!”

2 Corinthians 1:20 *For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.* ²¹ *Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;* ²² *Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.*

- **Abraham believed in Supernatural Hope!**

Romans 4:16 *Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,* ¹⁷ *(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.* ¹⁸ *Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.* ¹⁹ *And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb:* ²⁰ *He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;* ²¹ *And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.* ²² *And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.* ²³ *Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;* ²⁴ *But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;* ²⁵ *Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.*

Belief in His Love empowers me to declare:

- **I am a New Creation living through Christ Jesus!**
- **To everything that opposes me and God’s Destiny through me I declare, NO!!!!**
- **All of God’s Promises and All that He Reveals is finished In Jesus’ Name!**

3. Love’s work – Your next step is a response to God’s Love for you!

Galatians 5:6 *For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.*

Galatians 2:20 *I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*
²¹ *I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.*

Every one of us with a dream or vision, require other people to participate. They may run with you in His vision, oppose everything you believe, persecute you, be indifferent, just be along for the ride, or majorly support the vision.

A. All unconditional love in us is a response to God's Love for us. Love always requires an action!

1 John 4:19 *We love him, because he first loved us.*

B. Love others as we love ourselves! Self-love is the Open Door to love others! Others are the brethren, your neighbor, those that persecute you, and the lost.

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.* ³⁸ *This is the first and great commandment.* ³⁹ *And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.* ⁴⁰ *On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.*

- **Love the members of His Body – Love is action**

Ephesians 4:15 *But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: ¹⁶ From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.*

1 John 3:16 *Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.*

- **A certain lawyer asked who is my neighbor?**

Luke 10:29 *But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour? ³⁰ And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹ And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. ³³ But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, ³⁴ And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. ³⁶ Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? ³⁷ And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.*

- **Love your enemies**

Matthew 5:43 *Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. ⁴⁴ But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; ⁴⁵ That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the*

just and on the unjust. ⁴⁶ For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

- **Love the lost**

John 3:16 *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.*

- **The Holy Spirit is convicting the lost**

John 6:8-12

- **We have been given the ministry to reconcile the world to Jesus**

Mark 1:17 *And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.*

2 Corinthians 5:18 *And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. ²⁰ Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.*

- **Lost the First Love of Souls?**

Revelation 2:1 *Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; ² I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: ³ And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. ⁴ Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. ⁵ Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent. ⁶ But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. ⁷ He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.*

4. Don't look back to your set back! It's time for a comeback! - Micah 7:8 *Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD shall be a light unto me.*

A. The goodness of God leads to repentance

Romans 2:1 *Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things. --- ⁴ Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?*

B. Let Love rule your relationships

2 Corinthians 5:14 *For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: ¹⁵ And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.*

C. Forgive as you are forgiven

Mark 11:25 *And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.* ²⁶ *But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.*

D. Shut the door in the enemy

2 Corinthians 2:10 *To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ;* ¹¹ *Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.*

E. Reverse the advantage of every curse

Proverbs 26:2 *As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come.*

F. Flip that storm to be wind in your sails

2 Corinthians 4:15 *For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.* ¹⁶ *For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.* ¹⁷ ***For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;*** ¹⁸ *While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.*

G. Know, the conflicts work within what only God's Love will manifest

Romans 5:1 *Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:* ² *By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.* ³ *And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;* ⁴ *And patience, experience; and experience, hope:* ⁵ *And hope maketh not ashamed; **because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.*** ⁶ *For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.*

2 Corinthians 3:17 *Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.* ¹⁸ ***But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.***
