



I LOVE MY CONNECT

STUDY 23

Your Love is Relentless

Romans 8:35-39

God's love is relentless, beyond our comprehension. Imagine a mighty rushing tsunami, which does not stop for trees, cars, buildings, but sweeps them up effortlessly. To stand watching the power of a mighty wave, being unable to stop it, gives a great image of the relentlessness of God's love. The power of God's love is unceasing, unyielding, ferocious, ruthless, and uncompromising.

When we love someone and they don't love us back it can be soul destroying, so we tend to suppress our feelings and struggle to love. But God does not struggle; relentless love is his domain. His love flows regardless of our situation, our circumstance, our performance, or our ability. It is an unqualified love, which comes at us no matter where we are.

His love can invade every area of our life and bring new beginnings; even when our world is falling apart, when our health is failing us, when our relationships are broken beyond repair, when our livelihood has slipped down the drain. If we feel bound up in our troubles, failings, or in a life lacking the word of God, he continually invites us to receive the relentless love of Jesus Christ.

Through Jesus, God's love has the power to release and renew us. May we learn to always bring our circumstances and limitations before his throne, allowing him to transform them and us as he infiltrates our heart, spirit and mind. Let us always be willing to allow him to breathe life into us and our circumstances; life which does not pass away, but is sustained by the ever flowing torrent of God's relentless love.

Relentless

Salvation sounds a new beginning
As distant hearts begin believing
Redemption's bid is unrelenting
Your love goes on

You carry us when the world gives way
You cover us with Your endless grace.

Your love is relentless.

The time is up for chasing shadows
You gave the world a light to follow
A hope that shines beyond tomorrow
Your love goes on.

Tearing through the veil of darkness.
Breaking every chain, You set us free.
Fighting for the furthest heart.
You gave Your life.

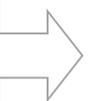
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CONNECTION AND ACTION Use these questions to promote conversation and connection.

ICEBREAKER: Who was your first "crush" on in primary school?

- Q:** Who do you know who really demonstrates unconditional love? What effect do they have on others?
- Q:** How has the experience of God's love impacted your life?
- Q:** Has God ever surprised you with his love? Tell us about it.
- Q:** Describe a part of your life God has restored with his love.
- Q:** What can we do to open ourselves up more to receive God's love?
- Q:** In what new ways do you want to receive, experience or express God's love?

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BIBLE AND BELIEF Use these questions and scriptures to help believers develop a biblical worldview.

Leaders Guide: Break the group up into pairs. Divide the following passages of scripture up amongst the pairs. Get each pair to read their passage between themselves, and discuss the questions below. Then get everyone to come back together as a group to share answers.

- Psalm 36:5-9
- Matthew 5:43-48
- John 15:9-17
- Romans 5:5, 8:35-39

Q: What do we learn about God's relentless love from this scripture?

Q: How does God show or reveal his love?

Q: What characteristics of God's love can we apply to our daily lives to better receive and extend his love?

GROWING LEADERSHIP Use these questions to help people in your group grow as leaders.

Q: How is your experience of God's relentless love affecting you as a leader?

Q: How can you reflect God's relentless love as a leader?

Q: What shape does your unconditional love take towards people in your team who might be difficult to lead or have a challenging attitude?

Q: What actions could you take in your leadership to show unconditional love?

Q: How can we as leaders build an atmosphere and culture of unconditional love in our teams?