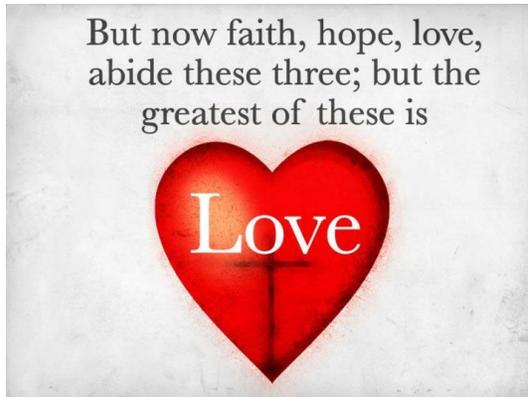


Good morning and Happy Valentine's Day,

Morning Thought:

1 Corinthians 13:12-13



Let me be the first to say *I love you* on what is known throughout the USA as Valentine's Day. The day set aside to express love; but for the Christian, shouldn't every day bring a new opportunity to express love? Allow me also to remind you of the greatest love of all, and that is the love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He loves us with an everlasting love, unconditionally, *everyday*.

To all of you who are married, I encourage you to treasure the gift that God has given you in your spouse. Love on them, today and every day. To my single readers, never forget, that there is "*no greater love,*" than the love of Christ Jesus, who gave His life for you. Sometimes on days such as today, the spirit of loneliness tries to overtake many. I want to encourage you, to be good to yourself. Take a moment and think of something special to do--just for you, and/or someone special to you.

As for me, I've decided to give a box of chocolates to every student that visits my office today. I want each of them to know that they are loved; and more importantly, I want them to experience an unexpected and unconditional act of love. Then, I will allow God to love me through each of their loving hugs of appreciation and genuine expressions of gratitude. *Oh, yeah,* I forgot to mention the new fragrance that I purchased *just for me* that I will be wearing on this special day.



Whatever you choose to do today, express love as only you can, and allow our Heavenly Father to love on you.

Attached, please find Reflection #14



Pray for me, as I pray for you.

Thirty Day Journey

Day 14

Verse of the Day:

“So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we do not give up.” (Galatians 6:9 NLT)

Reflection:

Recently, I read two quotes that absolutely caused me to pause and think. The first was; ***“If you feel like giving up, just look back on how far you are already.”*** The second; *“Before you give-up, think of the reason why you held on so long.”* The *“Impressions”* sang a song entitled *“Keep on Pushing.”* The lyrics went something like:

I've got to keep on pushing (mmm-hmm) I can't stop now
Move up a little higher Some way, somehow

'Cause I've got my strength And it don't make sense
Not to keep on pushing Hallelujah, hallelujah
Keep on pushing

I am sure there have been times when you’ve felt like giving up at one thing or another. I know I have. After all, it is the enemy’s plot to cause us to stop. You may have even been tempted to give up during our 30-Day Journey. You may have even asked, “What’s the use, why am I doing this?” Whenever these thoughts come, remember, that our Lord has promised that we “will reap a reward of blessing, if we faint not or do not give up.” Norman Vincent Peale said; *“it’s always too early to quit.”* Hang in there!

Prayer:

Father, because of your Word, we feel strong today. You, and You alone have enabled us during this 30-Day Journey. We lift up Your Name and give You all the Glory. If we are ever tempted to quit or to give up, cause us to remember the reason that we started. Cause us to stop and think about how far we’ve already come. Hallelujah! You are our Rock, our Strong Tower, our Fortress, and our Deliverer. Blessed is your Holy Name, Amen. Receive our prayer and praise today, In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

