

# Love FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

## Love That Abounds September 26, 2023 Suzi Armstrong

There is no force more powerful than the love of God. His love covers us and empowers us. His love moves mountains and conquers darkness. His love heals and delivers. His love sets the captives free. His love is contained in His promises. His love is carried in the substances of His words. His love fills our hearts and moves us to repentance. His love is real; it is tangible. His love is holy and righteous. His love – His unending supernatural love – is passionate and fiery.

Holy Spirit is emphasizing **ABOUNDING LOVE!** Why is that? Because God's love **ABOUNDS** – meaning it is strong, it is sustaining, it does not weaken, and it is more than we think that it is. Why do we need to know these qualities of God's love right now? Because the devil wants to make our heart grow weary in well doing. If that happens, we lose joy and then lose strength. God wants us to succeed in standing firm, succeed in breaking through, succeed in building, and succeed in advancing.

Success is the power to achieve and prosper. This is given by God. Deuteronomy 8 tells us that it is God that gives us the **POWER** to create wealth – prosper and succeed. Holy Spirit is saying that we need to know and connect to the supply of God's abounding love at this time. Be filled with His abounding love. Think on His love so that we are built up in our inner man. It is the inner man that leads the way to your future. The devil is trying to convince us that nothing is going to change – that is a lie! Don't lose the expectation that anything can change. The devil does not have eternal power. He cannot set things in firm foundations, only God can do that. Everything that the devil does is on a foundation of sand that shifts and does not hold together.

God's abounding love causes us to be clothed in His favor. Favor attracts success and success attracts favor. People gather around what is successful because God wants us to be successful. Let God's abounding love lead you on your path of victory. God's abounding love will keep you from being stuck and discouraged, thinking things are not going to change. The Lord says I **KNOW** the future that I have for you, for your family, for your city and I am able to bring you into it.

### **Psalm 103.8-12** NIV

<sup>8</sup> The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, **abounding in love.**

<sup>9</sup> He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;

<sup>10</sup> he does not treat us as our sins deserve

or repay us according to our iniquities.

<sup>11</sup> **For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his love for those who fear him;**

<sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west,

so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

**The biblical meaning of "abound" is extreme or superabundance, beyond measure.** Our Heavenly Father heaps an extraordinary amount of love on each and every one of us! His abounding love is love that extends itself beyond our ability to believe or even imagine. His love for us is infinite and immeasurable. God so loved the world that He gave Jesus to the world to save, deliver and redeem. There is no greater love. This is love that abounds – love that is never ending.

## 1 John 4.7-10 TPT

<sup>7</sup> **Those who are loved by God, let his love continually pour from you to one another, because God is love.** Everyone who loves is fathered by God and experiences an intimate knowledge of him. <sup>8</sup> The one who doesn't love has yet to know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup> The light of God's love shined within us when he sent his matchless Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> **This is love: He loved us long before we loved him. It was his love,** not ours. He proved it by sending his Son to be the pleasing sacrificial offering to take away our sins.

- Let it be His love that pours through you into the city, community, family, and places of business.
- Live through the love of God.

## 1 Corinthians 13.4-8a TPT

<sup>4</sup> **Love is** large and incredibly patient. **Love is** gentle and consistently kind to all. It refuses to be jealous when blessing comes to someone else. **Love does** not brag about one's achievements nor inflate its own importance. <sup>5</sup> **Love does** not traffic in shame and disrespect, nor selfishly seek its own honor. **Love is** not easily irritated or quick to take offense. <sup>6</sup> **Love joyfully celebrates** honesty and finds no delight in what is wrong. <sup>7</sup> **Love is** a safe place of shelter, for it never stops believing the best for others. Love never takes failure as defeat, for **it never gives up.**

<sup>8</sup> **Love never stops loving.**

- Love IS and DOES.
- These are layers in the substance of love – large, patient, gentle, kind, giving, humble, edifying, respectful, forgiving, patient, safe, believing, never giving up.
- When the words you speak have the substance of love in them, the substance of love brings transformation.
  - Love builds.
  - Love uproots the old.
  - Speak words with the substance of love.
  - Love has a name – **JESUS!**
- Love establishes God's order and builds God's Kingdom. Life is in the flames of His love – in the midst of the fire of His presence.

## Psalms 5.7 NASB

<sup>7</sup> **But I, by your great love, can come into your house; in reverence I bow down** toward your holy temple.

## Ephesians 5.2 NASB

<sup>2</sup> and **walk in love, just as Christ also loved you** and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

## Ephesians 6.24 NASB

<sup>24</sup> **Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ with incorruptible love.**

### PRAYER AND DECLARATION:

We prophesy to this nation and our city the word of the Lord – words filled with the substance of love that brings deliverance and reformation. We say to Detroit and this nation that your destiny has been written in the books of Heaven. Align with the heart of God. Your destiny will not be written by culture or the powers of the air – but your destiny has already been written in Heaven. The love of God unlocks your future. Detroit, you will be a leader among cities and the United States will be a leader among nations.

### Prophesying Psalm 33 over Detroit:

Let all of Detroit fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of this city stand in awe of Him. For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast. The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of His heart from generation to generation. Blessed is the city whose God is the Lord. **Behold, the eye of the Lord is on Detroit, on the city that fears His name, on those who hope for His lovingkindness.**