

*True love belongs to those who are  
willing to risk their heart  
on their future*

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God loved you so much that He gave His only Son to purchase the chance that you might love Him back. God did not give His extra Son but rather His only Son and the Bible tells us that while we were yet sinners Christ died for the ungodly. All of this was done with no guarantees that anyone would notice, appreciate it, or accept the offer to become a part of God's family. Now that's true love.

God demonstrated His love toward us when He risked His heart on the hope of a future with you. Don't break God's heart. Love Him because He first loved you and don't be afraid to be like God. True love may also require that you risk giving your heart to others first before they fully demonstrate their love to you in return.

*Prayer for Today*

I want to thank You, Lord, for loving me and for giving Your Son to save me from my sins and purchasing my freedom. I love You and for the rest of eternity I want to be close to You and become more and more like You in everything I do. Give me the grace to love others with the true love of Your Spirit.

*Scriptures for Today*

1 John 4:7-8 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. (NKJV)

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (NKJV)

1 John 4:19 We love Him because He first loved us. (KJV)