

Our Need For Love Determines How We Live Our Life

What people don't realise is that they have a love-need that drives their lives. In the most part, they're totally unaware of it's existence and its impact. The only time they may acknowledge it is when they are in-love with someone.

The sad thing for all of us (including me) is that our need for love is always unmet completely – even in an intimate relationship with another person. That means, we're always falling short of having our love-need met. This causes us to look for it (or for something) to fill that void. We know the emptiness is there, even if we can't name it, and we try everything to satisfy it.

The exploration to satisfy it drifts us away from people we are in relationship with to objects or things. For some, it's their pet, which they pour their love into and somehow draw love from. For others, its the love of a car, a home, a vocation, a hobby, being in nature – the list is endless. Any wonder why homosexuality of both kinds is so strongly attractive, because it meets their need for love, however temporary.

The solution to meeting our need for love is found in the origin of that need. It originates from our design, where we were made to be in an intimate relationship with the Trinity, in such a way that their love just pours into us. Because of The Fall, we have been estranged from this enormous, satisfying supply of love, and that's why we mostly live 'with our gauge on empty'. We could call the love deficit we have, our 'love hole' – an emptiness that constantly needs filling.

The tremendous thing is that we're now connected back to the Trinity through the work of the Cross, and that love is now fully available to us. The problem is, we don't know it's there to meet all of our need for love. Even if we're aware of the availability of the Trinity's love, we've conditioned ourselves from the time we were born, to look for love elsewhere. That means we need to retrain ourselves to look in the right place.

Father is constantly wooing us in love and drawing us into a position to receive his love, so we're totally satisfied. That's not 'pie in the sky' theology, it's a reality. He knows we have a love-need, and he knows we make a mess of our lives looking for love elsewhere. He also knows that this search for love has a major impact on how we live our lives.

Here's his mind on that:

*“It is all about love; the need to express and receive love. **How you live your life depends on your need to love and be loved.** When that desire is unfulfilled is when you try to fill that empty space with things that are not good for you. You must realize that My love for you is unrivaled. No one can love you more than I do, says the Lord. So seek to establish relationship with Me and be filled to overflowing with My divine love.”¹*

For those who live in his presence, Father's love is soothing, comforting and satisfying. It can be fully satisfying for all of us, if only we would let it.

We were created for his love to supply our needs, not people, activities or things. Our personal relationships are not meant to meet our love need. Not even our spouse's love is meant to meet all our love needs. Father even highlighted that in a recent message:

*“Yes, I do have a blueprint for your life. There are plans to be fulfilled and dreams to be realized, but those aren't as important as our relationship. I want our union to be sweet and full. I want you to be so consumed with me that everything else is secondary. **Spouses aren't required [for you] to feel loved, and careers and ministry aren't needed for you to find fulfillment. Every blessing is icing on the cake—extra. I want you to find total and complete contentment in our love.** Then everything else I have for*

1 – Marsha Burns “Small Straws in the Soft Wind” (Jan. 30, 2023) ft111.com/smallstraws.htm [ARCHIVE: www.ft111.com/straws2023.htm]

you will flow freely and easily. And it won't become an idol or a source of stress. Let's enjoy our union. Nothing matters more than this."²

Father also calls us to allow his love to carry us through the issues of life, not as a 'band-aid', but as a lifestyle:

*"Give me your heart. Seek me with greater passion and leave worry to fend for itself. You will find my ways, and I will disclose my secrets. The more you find rest in my heart, the greater your ability to trust me, to believe that I am for you. In this world there is little to soothe you, but in my presence, you'll discover my kindness comforting you. It is this absolute assurance of my love and faithfulness that lifts you higher, gives you eyes to see, and causes your soul to soar above the chaos, so you can carry the whisper of hope to others."*³

It takes surrender, letting go, and resting for Father's love to be able to flow into us. The busyness of life can quickly terminate that supply if we aren't on our guard.

We've a long way to go to be in a state of being totally loved and living like we are.

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