



Dear Friends,

I was reading this past week how *Love* is something we fall into. It seems true enough because often we will describe what we love in these terms, how we *fell in love* with someone or something. “We just love our new neighborhood,” or how “the kids fell in love with that one sad-eyed puppy at the pound,” or how we love that Italian restaurant or that favorite travel destination.

On a deeper level when we say we are in love, things tend to get serious. We make commitments and things begin to change. We are in transformation. When I fell in love with Sharon, things changed: my priorities, how I spent my time, how I would plan for the future, the list goes on.

When God’s grace grips us and we fall in love with Jesus, things change; divine love begins to awaken our hearts to this transformation. We begin to see others as people who God loves; we see, with compassion, our neighbor who is suffering, our hearts break when we hear of injustice, and likewise our hearts leap with joy when we witness God’s healing and restoration.

Friend, may you fall in love with Jesus more and more each day this week, and may you witness the change that takes place.

*“And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.”* 1 John 4:16 (NIV)

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John".

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