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Dear Friends,

Here it is February 2024. Many of us associate February with heart-shaped greeting cards, candy, flowers and --love! It is a time when we especially remember to express our affection to those we love: husbands, wives, children, family members and friends. But let us remember what real / true love is.

*When humankind was helplessly bound in sin, God loved us so much that he sent his Son, Jesus, to die for us. **“For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16 (NIV)***

God’s unconditional love for us is a gift that requires a personal response. Don’t leave His gift of love unopened like a box of Valentine chocolates.

If you have not already done so, accept Him into your heart and life today. Also, as we read in our Bible, “Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.” Romans 15:7 (NIV) What God does for you; he wants you to do for other people. You can be the light in the darkness.

God accepts you unconditionally. That doesn’t mean he approves of everything you do, but he accepts you, no matter what you’ve done. And God says he wants you to act similarly toward everybody in your life. One of the ways you demonstrate acceptance to someone else is to look at them and listen to them. When you look someone in the eye, you’re declaring that they matter to you. The highest form of love is focused attention.

Love looks and love listens. What about you—do you look and listen? When someone at work drops something off at your desk, do you say anything to them? When somebody serves you at a restaurant or a clerk helps you in a grocery store, do you look them in the eye and say, “Thank you”? It may seem like a small thing. But when you give someone your attention, even for just a moment, you affirm their value as a person and show that you accept them.

The Bible says in Romans 15:1, “We must bear the ‘burden’ of being considerate of the doubts and fears of others” (TLB).

We all have fears and doubts. Acceptance means you listen to others’ fears and doubts. When people have doubts about God, you need to first listen and show that it doesn’t change your love or acceptance. Why? Because this is how God loves us.

When we doubt, God’s love does not change. When we are fearful and unwilling to trust, God still accepts us. This is how he wants us to love other people.

Loving like Jesus means you accept other people the way Jesus accepts you. And when his love flows through you, it's possible for you to love others unconditionally.

Think about someone who easily irritates you or is hard to love. How does it change your attitude toward that person when you consider how much God loves you and that he has accepted you? Why does making eye contact with someone make such a big difference in how that person feels? What doubts do you have about God? Do you believe that he accepts you even when you have doubts?

*God proved his goodness through his Son, Jesus Christ. Just to repeat myself, the Bible says, **“For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16 (NIV)***

Will you be a light in the darkness? We have the joyous duty of sharing the love of God to let your light shine among people so they can see all the good things you do and praise our father who is in heaven.

As you continue to look forward to the opportunities 2024 will bring, share Jesus with all of the lost people that the Lord places in your path. God is using you to reconcile the world to Himself. Please remember the world is changed by your example not your opinion.

Please continue to keep in touch with each other and update me with your prayer requests.

Until next time, love Jesus, be thankful and keep doing the good stuff.

*God bless,
Riding with Jesus,
Bob Dillon
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God bless America.

**** Thank you for your partnership. We will continue to press onward—UNDAUNTED—together we will reach the world with the joy and hope found in our Lord Jesus.***

Please watch for my emails, prayer requests and updates.

***Jesus said, “Go into the world. Go everywhere and announce the Message of God’s good news to one and all.”
Mark 16:15 (The Message)***