

**February 14 / Sunday**

**Love Stories**

Read [John 3:16](#) / [Genesis 29:15-20](#) / [1 John 4:9-12](#)



**15 / Mon – Unloveable?** | Read [Isaiah 43:4](#) / [John 3:16-17](#) / [1 John 3:19-20](#)

Are there days when you feel unloveable? That is just what your enemy wants you to believe. But this flies in the face of all that God has said. He says you are precious in his eyes. He says you are worth dying for. Put your name into [John 3:16-17](#) "...**for God so loved** [\[insert your first, middle, last name here\]](#) **that he...**" And he does not condemn you. No matter what anyone says or even what your own brain may tell you, this is a fact. Who will you choose to believe?

**16 / Tue – God is...** | Read [Exodus 34:5-6](#) / [Nehemiah 9:17](#) / [Joel 2:13](#) / [Jonah 4:2](#) / [Ps. 145:8-9](#)

The degree to which you value what someone says about you is related to how well you know what kind of person they are. The more you know someone's character, the greater their opinions matter. Because God is not like a regular person, it might be tempting to doubt what he thinks about you. If you knew these qualities about a flesh-and-blood person, how highly would you value his/her words about you? How much more would this apply to the One who created and loves you?

**17 / Wed – Do you crave affection?** | Read [Deuteronomy 7:6-9](#) and [10:14-15](#)

Yes, you may believe that God loves you but do you know how affectionately he regards you? These verses attest to that fact. Isn't it amazing that the Almighty Creator, Lord God and Ruler of all that is feels this way about *you*? One of the characteristics that drew people to Jesus was his affection for them. His disciples grew to love him so dearly they died rather than give him up. If this truth seems difficult to believe about yourself, why not ask God to open the eyes of your heart to see it?

**18 / Thu – Even if...** | Read [Isaiah 43:1-2](#) / [Job 1:8-11](#) and [2:3-5](#)

Have you ever experienced a season when life seemed to throw one thing after another in your face and it felt like God had forgotten you? Maybe now is even such a time. Let these words from God's mouth sink deeply into your heart. You are not forgotten. You are not abandoned. You may be in one of those times when you are being tested. It is easier to trust God when life is good but in the challenging times when God seems quiet, could he be asking, "do you *still* love me?"

**19 / Fri – The ultimate definition** | Read [John 15:13](#)

Love can be defined in many different ways. You may be familiar with the description in [1 Cor. 13](#). But Jesus gives the ultimate definition here. It can blow your mind when you realize that he made this statement - and acted on it - for you. Before you were born, before you even knew who he was and before you could choose to love him back. What does this reveal about God's kind of love?

**20 / Sat – Live it out** | Read [Matthew 22:34-40](#) / [John 15:12](#) / [1 John 4:19-21](#)

In view of all the things you have read and thought about this week, what is your response? Jesus said the greatest commands were to love God with everything in you and to love others the way *he* does. The only way that can happen is when you understand how totally and unconditionally you are loved and can see every single person you know the way God does. As crazy hard as that can be sometimes, it is possible when you realize you are just passing on what you've been given.