



Monday, February 12th

Jeremiah 2:2 (ESV)

“Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem, Thus says the Lord, “I remember the devotion of your youth, your love as a bride, how you followed me in the wilderness, in a land not sown.”

LORD, I can so identify with the children of Israel. They struggled to remain faithful. They would follow after YOU and then turn and do what was right in their own eyes. Back and forth...back and forth would they vacillate. I confess that I like so many of them, fail to keep my focus on YOU. I am easily drawn away to give my time and attention to vain things. I lust after stuff that is temporary and meaningless. I don't want this for myself and I am confident YOU don't want it! Make me hopelessly devoted to YOU for YOU only do I have that is of everlasting value. Let me not wander from YOU. When I am tempted to busy myself with worldly activities knowing that heavenly activities should take precedence...convict me of my selfish ways. When YOU have called me to obedience and I ignore YOU to be lead by my own foolish voice...rebuke me and press me to surrender. Remind me of our precious relationship and the purity of Your love commitment to me. Let me remember Jesus and HIS vows of complete surrender to the Father's will so that I may be swooned once again with the love that compelled me to say yes to an eternal relationship. Let me take my place in the bride of Christ and be who YOU have called me to be...be a lover of GOD! In Jesus name, amen

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Tuesday, February 13th

Romans 12:9 (ESV) Let love be genuine.

Heavenly Father, the love with which YOU have loved me is of the purest and most precious love I could have ever received. Your love is not precious to me only for what it accomplishes (forgiveness, justification, salvation, Your constant watch-care and provisional blessings, eternal dwelling in Heaven), but because receiving Your love means YOU are giving me YOU. YOU are my greatest gift. Your presence is what I long for and find most satisfying! Do a great work in me by keeping me content with YOU alone. I am tempted to leave YOU and lust after other loves...but YOU have awakened my soul to the reality that nothing and nobody will ever provide me what I have in YOU. Make me like YOU! Purify my heart and my motives so that nothing remains in me that is not of YOU. Give to me so that I might return to YOU a love that is genuine...a love that is pure and precious. May I further request that as YOU work in me to accomplish this miracle of transformation that YOU open my soul to genuinely love others around me. Empower and envision me to see others as YOU see them and to give to others as YOU would give. YOU are GOD and it is by YOU that they have been made so may I love them on Your behalf. For the glory of GOD I pray, Amen!

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Wednesday, February 14th

Matthew 22:37-39 (ESV)

And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

My Father, thank YOU for Your Son, Jesus, and His testimony. For in the Christ I have learned what YOU instructed the nation of Israel thousands of years ago as recorded in Deuteronomy 6:5...you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. Way back then YOU birthed a nation to love YOU. Many of them tried and many failed. Jesus, a citizen of the nation Israel, followed Your commandments without fail. He loved YOU and His neighbor just as YOU had commanded to be done. Ephesians 1:5 teaches me that through Christ I have been adopted by YOU. And 1 John 4:19 further teaches me that YOU certainly have loved me and I then will love YOU. In my own strength I will miserably fail just like thousands have before me. But as YOU strengthen me I can love YOU! Philippians 4:13...I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me. I desire to be faithful to the end that I might look upon Your face and hear YOU say, "Well done." Help me Father to be fixed upon YOU. Never would I desire to bring YOU grief or sorrow either by loving YOU or loving others less than YOU command. For Your pleasure and joy I pray...GOD be my strength, Amen!

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Thursday, February 15th

1 Peter 4:8 (ESV) Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.

Father, YOU desire for me to love those of the family of faith with earnestness. I confess, I do not always love them like this! Sometimes, I become disenchanted with them in their “sins” and want to withhold my acts of love to them. In my mind I even judge them and see myself better than they. This is wrong, and I am sorry! This I know is sin! How ironic that their "sins" reveal my sin. And YOU kindly love me back to YOU. YOU forgive me and cleanse me of my unrighteousness (1 John 1:9). Your love is earnest/unceasing for me. Thank YOU!

As I consider the gift of Your love to me I am sure that I do not grasp the depth to which Your love covers my sin. My immaturity and self-exalted view can leave me blind to the gravity and weight of sin. YOU alone, who know all things, know that I frequently take to lightly my sin. Forgive me for bringing grief and shame into our relationship by behaving so childlike. Help me to mature and become more like YOU! Develop a hatred for sin in me as I meditate on Your WORD. Lead me in our times together to discover Your heart for unrighteousness so my heart might be like Your heart. YOU died so that I might live not unto sin be unto YOU. I understand that this love YOU demonstrate to me is the same kind of love YOU want me to offer them. I want to... at least a part of me does... but I fail! I know that I cannot love them with an unceasing love! But, because YOU dwell in me... YOU then give me the ability...as YOU empower me to do so... I can love them as YOU want! So, would YOU increase my love for the family. In Jesus name, amen.

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Friday, February 16th

Colossians 3:14 (ESV) And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Perfect harmony? Father, I know that I don't have a pitch perfect ear...but I have a pretty good idea of what good harmony sounds like. It is pleasant and a delight. I find it meaningful to consider that when the church loves each other well it is like the pitch perfect blending of voices. Hmm...I wonder if YOU see us and hear us that way. Do our lives bring "music to Your ears" or are the sounds dissonant and painful? Perhaps at varying times...both! I for one, GOD, offer myself to be tuned by YOU and taught by the instruction of Your Holy Word that I might be more pleasing. Psalm 19:14 says...May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to YOU and a light unto the dark. This is a challenge for many of us, which YOU know all too well. I could ask YOU to help the church and be gracious to us (which You already do). But I don't want to overlook my personal responsibility for the sake of the whole...so I ask YOU to do a great work in me. Let the pleasing sound that YOU desire in us (particularly as it pertains to Seneca Baptist) begin right here in me. Make me a skilled artist of love so that when I open my mouth what pours forth is a melody worth hearing. Ephesians 4:19 says that I should speak nothing that doesn't build up. WOW! So, I don't want to just make music of any kind. I certainly don't want to be a clanging symbol according to 1 Corinthians 13. I want to make sounds that bless YOU and are useful to YOU for the building of the Kingdom. YOU call us in Psalm 105 to sing to YOU, to sing praise to YOU. Give me the words, give me the courage, give me leadership and I will love as unto the LORD!

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Saturday, February 17th

Revelation 2:2-4(ESV)

“I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first.”

GOD, today I pull aside to hear YOU speak to me and I am so aware of my need for YOU. I am weary with all that I have labored to accomplish this week and I desperately need YOU to appoint for me time to rest. The toil and patient endurance has made me physically and emotionally spent. I am forever grateful to have been used by YOU to accomplish the works YOU have ordained to grow the Kingdom. Serving YOU I will never regret! Thank YOU for Your rest and peace as I come to YOU humbly in need of restoration. YOU are my source of all that is good and my only enabling power to accomplish anything of eternal significance. This is what I so desire most, eternal significance. I want my life to result in much more than physical gain. All that I gain in this life is important to me only if it can live on and be counted of value and worth in the life to come.

So Father, replenish my soul today that I might be ready for more good works. Awaken and embolden me to Your glorious plan, Amen.

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Sunday, February 18th

1 John 4:19 (ESV) We love because he first loved us.

Father, YOU have called me to be loved by YOU...thus I am Your beloved! WOW! How amazing is that? I, the creature made of dust, would be treasured by YOU? Hallelujah!!! Mold my heart to be ever more a vessel of honor that would contain the oil of this sweet delight! Then cause my cup to overflow so others might experience the pleasures YOU have shared with me. YOU are my love! May I be enraptured with the reality of Your kindly affections and intimacy in such a way that others around me would also long for such a relationship. I do so want to desperately long to be in Your presence and hear YOU speaking to me! May just thoughts of time away with YOU cause my pulse to race with excitement! Make me want YOU so... oh yes!!! Make me want YOU so!!!

Would YOU furthermore, Father, give my brothers and sisters here at Seneca Baptist the same immeasurable love experience. Then, as we dwell together in love responsively to Your great love, YOU will be glorified among us. Oh, I pray YOU be glorified among us, GOD, to the ends of the earth! Make it our aim as we enjoy YOU to let all the accolades of success and moments of attention that we inadvertently receive only put YOU on grander display for all the world to see! Glorify Yourself, I pray! Amen.

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