What does love have to do with it? Answer- Everything!

* God loves His People – those that are His and are called by His name!
* God told Moses that His love was a steadfast love.
* Moses trusted in God’s steadfast love - Exodus\_34:6  The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.
* Moses repeats to God’s people who God is so they will walk in God’s love. - Deu\_7:9  Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,
* The old saying “Repetition ages/creates learning”
* Study show that the brain needs to repeat names, places, commands at least 30 times to remember.

**#1 To Live in God’s love you need to put faith in God.**

**God told Moses to love God and keep His commandments –**

* Exo\_20:6  And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.
* Deu\_5:10  And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

**Abraham showed faith in God by circumcising himself and all the men in nation of God.**

* Genesis 17:9  And God said unto Abraham, You shalt keep my covenant therefore, you, and your seed after you throughout their generations.
* Gen 17:11  You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you.
* Gen 17:23  And Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house; and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the selfsame day, as God had said unto him.

**The Lord Jesus said the same thing –**

* John 14:15  If ye love me, keep my commandments. 14:23  Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

**#2 To live in God’s love, God will prove/test your love.**

**Did you know that God will test your love?**

* Deut\_13:3  You shall not hearken unto the words of that [false] prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God is proveth/testing you, to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

**Our Love for God is on hot-seat every day.**

* We this take place in the life of the prodigal son and the Good Samaritan in the Bible.
* The Good Samaritan Luke 10:25-37
* The Prodigal Son – Luke 15:11-24

**#3 To live in God’s love is to have a change of will and character for God’s glory.**

* God showed His Love to us on the cross –
* Romans 5 :8 - God shows His love for us.
* God’s will and character is for us.
* In James 1 :16-18 – God is supplying every good and perfect gift to us.
* God is calling us to show our will and character for Him.
* God’s love for sinners made our salvation possible.

**Jesus said this about His love for us.**

* John 15:13  Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.
* Jesus loves you and gave His life for you.
* The Father resurrected Him from the dead.
* If you give God your life, God will resurrect your life too.

**God changes our will in us and performs His work in us!**

* Philippians 1:6 – God will perform His work in us.
* The Bible has a great deal to say about love. In fact, the Bible says that “love is of God” and “God is love” (1 John 4:7–8); in other words, love is a fundamental characteristic of who God is. Everything God does is impelled and influenced by His love.

**God changes our character so we will Christ-like on this earth.**

* 1 Corinthians 13:1-7 - We see a good picture of Christian Character flowing from God.
* Charity is love – Agape Love -
* Love is patient – Love is kind – Love doesn’t envy or boast – is not arrogant – is not rude – doesn’t seek its own – doesn’t get irritable or resentful – doesn’t rejoice in wrong doing – but rejoice in the truth – Love bears all thigs –believes all things and hopes all things and endures all things –

**We look at this list and say, wow! This is too hard. This is impossible!**

* But God says – we can do all things through Christ. – Phil. 4:13
* Jesus said – With men it is impossible, but not with God.
* What we need is to yield to God’s Help. Live in God’s Love.