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## A HOME FOR GOD

### Making A Home for GOD With Love

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April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026 – There is a difference between a visit and a home!

There is a difference between a God who visits and a God who stays. Many of us were raised to think that the presence of God is something that we “go to” a Sunday service, a Bible study, a moment of worship, or a spiritual high that lasts for an hour or two. But when Paul prayed in Ephesians 3:17 that Christ would “dwell” in our hearts, he was not praying for a visitation. He was praying for a habitation.

The Greek word Paul uses — katoikēsai — means to settle

down, to take up residence, and to be at home; therefore, Christ does not want to be a guest in the spare room of your life. He wants the keys to the whole house. In other words, HE wants to live with you instead of just dropping in on you at a Sunday service. And the more that I study this, the more I realize: God never wanted a visitation. He always wanted a home.

### **A House Built on Love**

What surprised me in Ephesians 3:14-21, which is Paul’s prayer, is that he did

not say “rooted and grounded in Christ,” even though that would have been true.

Instead, he said “rooted and grounded in love.” At first, that puzzled me. But then I realized something: Love is the atmosphere that CHRIST dwells in. Love is the soil where HIS life grows. Love is the foundation where HIS presence rests. Therefore, if CHRIST is going to make His home in us, then the home must be built on love instead of emotion, performance, or religious activity, because love is not just something that God gives; love is who God is. And if God is going to stay, then the environment must match His nature. Moreover, this verse says that CHRIST dwells in our heart by faith. Therefore, faith is the access point; nevertheless, not faith as a simple agreement or acknowledgment. The kind of faith that is being spoken of here is deeper; it is trust, reliance, and commitment. It is living in such a way that

everything begins to align with GOD.

### **Faith: More Than Belief**

*“Faith becomes the foundation that you live on, live by, and live with; it is what helps you stand.”*

Therefore, faith is like a root; in other words, it is what supports, sustains, and feeds you. Faith is drawing in love as the true nourishment for your soul. Therefore, when faith is active, it is constantly taking in something. It is feeding on something. And according to this verse, what it draws in is love.

*“Faith is how you eat true soul food. Love is the food of the soul.”*

When your faith is rooted in love, your soul is nourished, your mind is strengthened, and your life becomes a place where God is not just welcomed; HE is at home. So,

faith open the door, but love is what make HIM stay.

### **The Broken Scale of Visitation**

Many of us measure our spiritual life by high-traffic moments, for example, a moving song, a powerful sermon, and/or a quick prayer before work. These moments are good, but if they are the only moments, then we treat GOD like a guest who must leave by noon. Consequently, we end up with a broken scale; one that weighs our relationship with God by the intensity of occasional moments instead of the consistency of daily presence. But God is not looking for weekend visits. HE is looking for a life that HE can live in. And we should want the same thing. In other words, we should want to stay with Him instead of just stopping by.

### **Faith: The Root, the Foundation, and the Shield**

I have often used the word “anchor” to describe faith, but Paul’s imagery in Ephesians 3:17 is even richer. He refers to Faith as a root, which is something that supports you, sustains you, and feeds you. Just like roots soak up nutrients, faith soaks up love. In other words, faith draws life from God into your soul, mind, and heart. Faith becomes the foundation that you live on, live by, and live with. Faith is what helps you to stand. And as I studied this passage, I realized something else: Faith is not only a root; it is a shield, because faith blocks negative thoughts from intruding into your mind, and the few that slip through are cast out by faith, because how can darkness survive in a mind that is filled with the light of God’s truth? This

study became God's answer to my own prayer for self-control. GOD uses Ephesians 3:14-21 to show me how faith takes the power away from the enemy and gives it back to you, i.e., faith is the power to think, act, and live according to the Word of God. People sometimes tell me that I sound like a psychologist when I talk about the mind. They do not realize that they are really admiring the Word of God, because that is where I learned everything that I know about the mind. One of my quotes that emerged from this reflection is:

*“Faith stabilizes the mind. Without faith, thoughts scatter; with faith, thoughts stay.”*

Faith gathers your thoughts, strengthens your focus, and keeps your mind from wandering. Therefore, faith is

mental strength, faith is clarity, and faith is stability.

### **The Greatest Miracle and the Greatest Blessing**

*“The greatest miracle is not just being in GOD's presence, but living in such a way that HIS life is manifested through ours, and that miracle is activated by faith in Him.”*

We often define a miracle as an extraordinary event that only God can produce. But if that is true, then the greatest miracle is neither a healing, a breakthrough, nor being in the presence of GOD; the greatest miracle is a life where God's life flows through your life. A life where you love Him wholly, walk with Him daily, and remain committed to Him completely. A life where His presence is not an event; it is your environment. Moreover, HE is closer than next to you. HE is in your heart. And that miracle is activated by faith.

Just like the father who cried out to Jesus, “I believe; help my unbelief,” we need God to strengthen our faith so that His life can flow through us without interruption.

Therefore, faith unlocks these precious blessing of God; moreover, faith opens the door for God to stay. Another one of my quotes that rose from this study is:

*“Faith in Christ is the only way to find true love.”*

Because true love is not something that we discover; it is Someone who we receive, and that someone is CHRIST JESUS.

### **Make Love Your Home**

There are many analogies for faith, e.g., a root, a foundation, a shield, or an anchor, because one word is not enough to describe something so powerful. But

all of them point to the same truth: Faith is what allows GOD to dwell in us. Love is the home where HE dwells in. And we are the house that HE chooses to live in. So, the invitation is simple: Do not visit GOD. Do not let God visit you. Make love your home. Make faith your foundation. Make Christ your life, because GOD never wanted a visitation. HE always wanted a home. Therefore, at the center of all of this is one truth:

*“Faith in Christ is the only way to find true love.”*

And once that love is found, it is not meant to be visited. It is meant to be lived in, because a home without love cannot stand. A life without love cannot be stable. But when love becomes the foundation, that is to say, when love becomes the place where you are rooted and grounded, everything changes: Thoughts

change. Life changes. Presence becomes constant. This is the invitation, which is to not just visit God... But to dwell with Him. Not just to experience moments... But to live in His presence. To make love your home. And to discover what life becomes when HE is no longer a guest, but at home.