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It is a known fact that every relationship on this side of heaven goes through crises before it settles into honour and respect. It takes some relationships a while before they settle down and meaningful growth can only be achieved when the relationship settles. A man called Andrew said, "A marriage without conflict is almost as inconceivable as a nation without crises." When this crises and conflict comes up, however, the thing that must win is what we

want to look at in this edition. Love must win.

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Romans 8:34-39 reads, "Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation. distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." My understanding of this passage is that no matter what a believer may face, the love of God which is in Jesus Christ will see the believer through.

In the following passage, Jesus Christ instructed the Jews which believed on Him. that if God was their father as they claimed, they would love Him. John 8:31-42 reads, "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the

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servant of sin. And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. I know that ve are Abraham's seed; but ve seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you. I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father. They answered and said unto him. Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, would do the works of Abraham. But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham. Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God. Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ve would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me." Jesus Christ was saving that love made God to send Him to the world and love is what you need to receive Him.

Ecclesiastes 9:9 brings it into context, "Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days

of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity: for that is thy portion in this life, and in thy labour which thou takest under the sun." The word that is used for 'whom thou lovest' in this passage is the Hebrew word 'Ahav', which means to love. To love means to delight in the object of your love. To delight in your partner. The context of the use of the word in this passage means to be fond of your partner. It means to be amiable or passionate with your and to desire. with partner tenderness of mind, the good of your partner. So it is saying love must win. It is true that the world is conflicted in so many ways and there are so many things that are challenging our existence. The devil does not want the purpose of God to be fulfilled in our lives but, when the love of God wins, we will please God with our lives and see good days.

Corinthians 13:1-13 reads. 1 "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

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For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." Love must overcome every odd. When love wins in our lives, we will overcome every odd and ungodly activity running wild in the world today.

Let us look at different classes of relationships:

1. Personal relationships with the Creator. Everyone must have a personal relationship with God. This is important. Anyone that does not have a relationship with their creator is a wasted human being. If you are going to have consistent relationship with the One who created you, love

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must win in that relationship, because John 3: 16 says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten that whosoever Son. believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." This means that the love of God has been revealed through Jesus Christ for you to have a relationship with Him.

- 2. **Parent** and children relationships.
- 3. Sibling relationships. Joseph loved God and loved his brothers deeply. We know this because he showed sincere love to his brothers who hated him and sold him into slavery. Love won and God confirmed Joseph's position of rulership over his brothers.

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- 4. Friendship. The friendship between Jonathan and David was like that of blood related brothers. Jonathan knew that the hand of God was upon David, though he was heir to throne. His father insulted him and asked him why he was supporting the son of Jesse against himself. He did not envy David. When the house of Saul was tormented and they died miserably, David wept for Saul, but wept more for Jonathan because he was his bosom friend. When he became the king, he sent to look for anyone that was left of the household of Jonathan so that they could come to the king's table. They then found Mephibosheth and David said he should sit at his table because he was now royalty.

- This was because of the love David had for Jonathan.
- 5. Dependent relationships. Ruth could have had a better life if she had gone back to her gods and her people, but she decided to stick with Naomi. She said where Naomi died is where she would also die. Naomi's God would be her God and Naomi's people would be her people. Love won.
- 6. Community relationships. Matthew 18:21-35 reads. "Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times **Therefore** seven. is kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which thousand owed him ten talents. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord

commanded him to be sold. and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt. But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants. which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him. saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. And he would not: but went

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and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses." Unkindness in the community makes love not to win.

- 7. Organisational relationships.
- 8. Marital relationships. Isaac and Rebecca had a wonderful relationship that was based on love. Joseph and Mary's situation was a little bit pathetic because Mary was

found with a child and Joseph, being a righteous man, wanted to secretly put her away. When, however, he had his dream, he went and loved Mary. Love won.

ATMOSPHERES THAT PROMOTE LOVE IN RELATIONSHIPS

- 1. Trust
- 2. Respect
- 3. Commitment
- 4. Self-control
- 5. Healthy Communication
- 6. Confidence
- 7. Hope
- 8. Purpose
- 9. Unfeigned love. This is the kind of love you find in 1 Peter 1:22, "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently." Unfeigned love means honest love, authentic love, real love, unforced love and sincere love. A love that comes from the whole heart. Love that is without hypocrisy, embellishment or

exaggeration. Create that atmosphere.

When crisis persists in a relationship, it means love has failed there. In such cases, the following pattern evolves:

- The incident. The event that triggers a crisis. Arguments can come up about money, sex, in-laws, work, parenting matters, property or churches.
- 2. The feelings. After the incident happens, it comes down to how each party feels about what has happened. The feeling may be, "I am so angry right now..." or "with what he just did, he is calling me a liar...?" or "Oh, so I told him the issue of my life, that my health is not good, and then he was snoring the next minute? He doesn't take me serious..." or "Oh, he or she is accusing me..." What happens to you is not the problem, it is what you feel about it.
- 3. **Identification.** Genesis 30:1-2 reads, "And when Rachel saw

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that she bare Jacob children, Rachel envied her sister; and said unto Jacob, Give me children, or else I die. Jacob's And anger kindled against Rachel: and he said, Am I in God's stead, who hath withheld from thee the fruit of the womb?" Rachel was feeling the pain of childlessness and came to her husband, but the way she spoke to the husband was confrontational, as if he was God. Jacob could have reacted in a different way if he was not feeling that Rachel was accusing him and making him to be what he was not. That is why he asked if he was in the position of God. Moses obeyed the living God when he sent twelve spies to go and spy out the land from Kadesh Barnea. The spies came back with two reports. Ten of the spies came back with their report and said they were like grasshoppers in the sight of the people of the land. That is identification. The moment you begin to identify with the position of your crisis, you can never overcome or get out of it. Love must win.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE KIND OF LOVE THAT MUST WIN

- 1. Love that cares in spite of a response or lack of response from the object of that love. John 3:16 reads, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." God did not love because we could give Him something. He loved anyway. If God was waiting for something we could give Him before He loved us then that would not have been love.
- Love that renders honour that is due to the object of said love.
- 3. Love that pursues peace with and for that loved one.

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Love that is purposeful in 4. unashamed openness to the object of the love. God does hide anything not from anyone that comes to Him. We are the ones who cannot take all of what He has to give us. He is willing to give us everything because in Jesus Christ He has given everything.

When love wins in your relationship, the following would happen:

- 1. You will please God.
- You will pass from judgement to justification. Love won in the life of Joseph. That is why God could justify him. He put him on a throne and made sure that his two sons received a double portion in Israel instead of the one portion that he should have received.
- You pass from death to life. Everything that destroys in the lives of others will not touch you.
- You will come into divine honour. God is love and He

- honours anyone that acts like Him.
- 5. You will be delivered from darkness and tormentors. Anyone that is in and operating by the love of God will never remain in darkness. That person may be attacked by darkness, but darkness will never prevail. **Tormentors** may come against the person but the person will always win.
- You will have your prayers 6. answered by God. That is why it is important that SO husbands must make sure that before they communicate with God. thev must communicate love with their wives otherwise their prayers will not be answered.
- You will have peace multiplied unto to you. The peace of God that passes all understanding will cover you.
- You will obtain divine mercy. God will be merciful to you.
- 9. You will fulfil your destiny.
- You will be established by grace.

Love must win. For God to be God in your life, love must win. In all your relationships, love must win.

Contention, conflict and crisis would arise but love must win. God is love. When God wins, we all win. The moment the love of God prevails, His glory prevails and your own glory manifests. Then you begin to move according supernatural order. We overcome and become conquerors by the love of God in Jesus Christ.

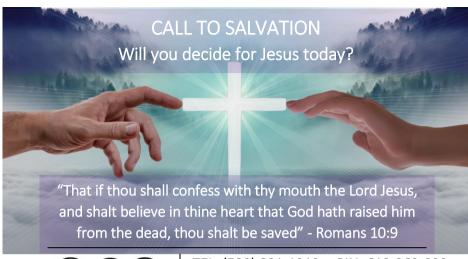
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Prayer Points

- 1. Every contention against the purpose of God in my life and relationships, I arrest you now, in the name of Jesus.
- 2. I am more than a conqueror through Jesus Christ loved me. therefore victory, manifest, in the name of Jesus.
- 3. Every plantation of wickedness, wherever you are growing against my life, die, in the name of Jesus.
- 4. My relationship relationship [insert e.g. marital relationship], arise.

- move in victory, in the name of Jesus.
- My Father, advance your glory 5. in my life, in the name of Jesus
- Holy Ghost fire! Incubate my 6. life, in the name of Jesus
- Every priest of darkness. 7. standing against my honour, die, In the name of Jesus.
- Fire of God, arise, consume 8. everv dark altar erected against my family, in the name of Jesus.
- 9. Agents of any evil altar speaking against this nation, die. in the name Jesus.
- 10. Agents of darkness, inviting beasts to torment men in this nation, die in the name of Jesus.
- 11. Every conference of darkness that says my destiny will not shine, scatter and die, in the name of Jesus.
- 12. Powers, assigned to use my blood and the blood of my family for celebration, die, in the name of Jesus.

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