

Powerful People!

GOLD Series Part III

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Recap - Values

Goodness

Openness

Love

Dynamic Power



God is Good & Hates Suffering



- 🟢 Jesus said so – Luke 18:19
- 🟢 Jesus was moved by our suffering
- 🟢 Jesus did so – Acts 10:38
- 🟢 No more pain – Revelation 21:4

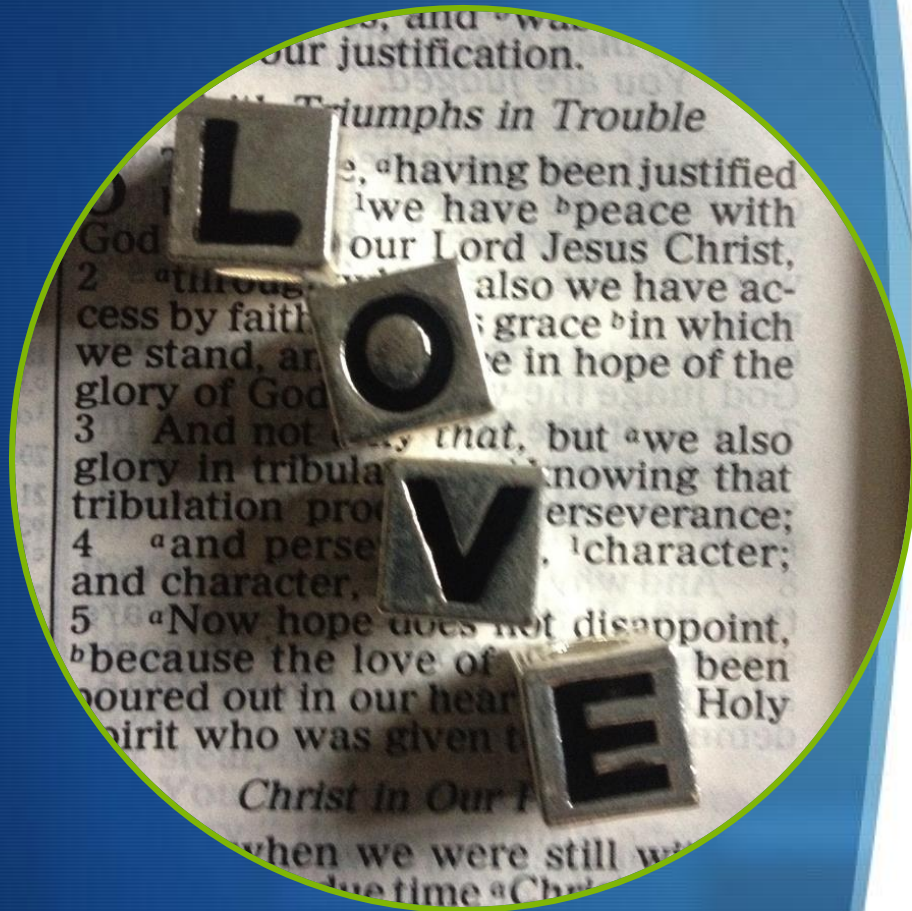
So we Adventure!



- ◆ We walk by faith – 2 Corinthians 5:1-7
- ◆ Knowing He is for us and looking to work good through us – 2 Chronicles 16:9

It's ALL about Love that Shapes Us

“Who we are and who we become depends, in part, on whom we love. (144)”
— Thomas Lewis, *A General Theory of Love*



Three BIG Problems... one Bigger God

- ◆ The earth is damaged
- ◆ Spiritual forces oppose us
- ◆ Men hurt one another

- ◆ BUT God is with us!
Isaiah 41:10

God says

**Don't panic. I'm with you.
There's no need to fear
for I'm your God. I'll give
you strength. I'll help
you. I'll hold you steady.
Keep a firm grip on you.**

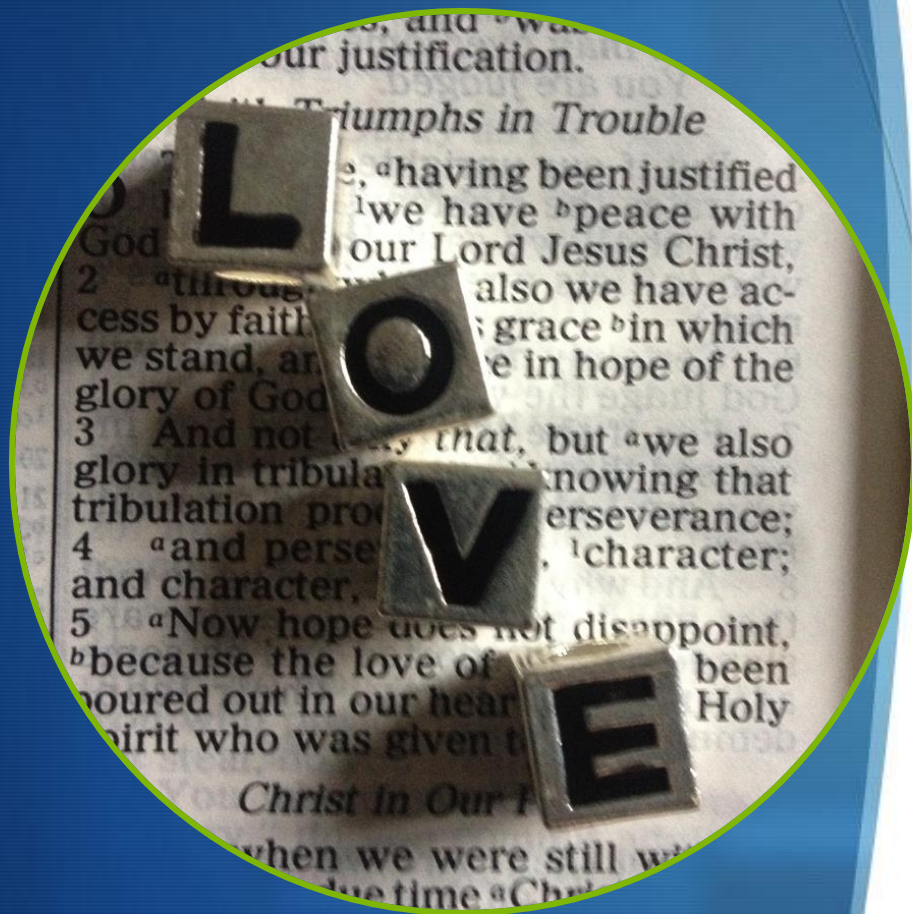


Isaiah 41:10

Jonah (Dove) c.760BC



- ◆ God moved by human tears – 1:1-2
- ◆ God changed His mind – 3:10
- ◆ God has pity – 4:11
- ◆ Jonah knew God is abundant in loving-kindness! 4:1-2



Love Compels

- 2 Corinthians 5:14
- Those who have been forgiven much, love much – Luke 7:47
- Lo! How great is the love the Father has lavished on us! 1 John 3:1
- The more we realise we are so loved, the more we *must* love.

GOLD

- ◆ The 'O' is key



Knowing this means we don't wait, but go boldly to adventure in His name expecting good.

Knowing He is relational enables us to see Him as love. Compelling us to love Him more and to tell Him more and to tell Him more. Knowing He is open enables us to walk in authority, expecting Him to do what we ask.

God is Dynamic,
actively working in all
things...

Romans 8:28



Translating Greek

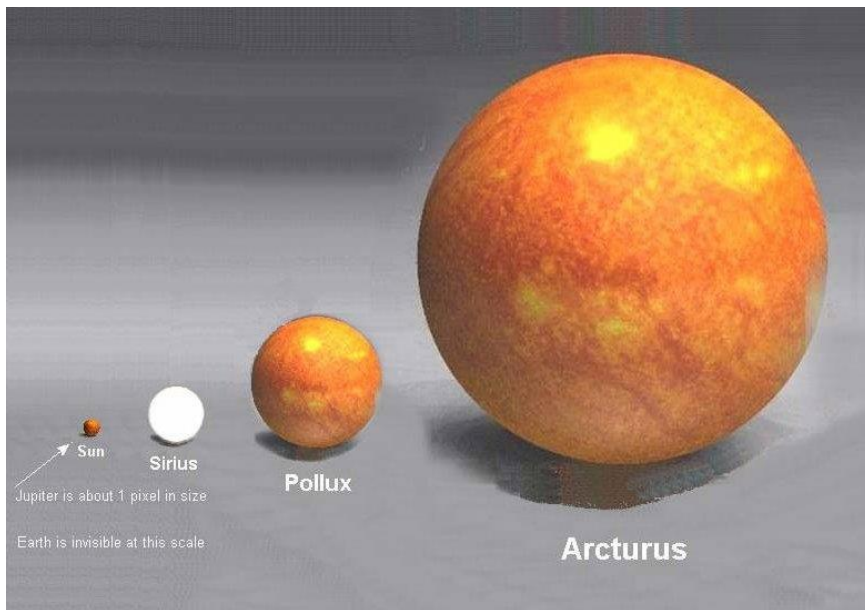
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NIV - And we know that in all things God works for the good *of those* who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

NKJV – And we know that all things work together for good *to those* who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

RSV – We know that in everything God works for good *with those* who love him, who are called according to his purpose.

How Can We Work With God?



- 💧 Understand Authority
- 💧 Receive Love
- 💧 Walk in Faith

Authority

- ◆ God gave us the earth
 - ◆ He can't do what He wants!
- ◆ We gave it away
- ◆ Jesus won it back!
 - ◆ Matthew 28:18-20



Authority to Serve & Bless



- ◆ Jesus received it – Luke 4:18-19
- ◆ Jesus modeled it
- ◆ Gave it to His followers – Luke 9:1-2, 10:1,8-9
- ◆ Told them to give it to all believers – Matt 28:18-20

Authority comes through submission

How submitted am I?



Love Must be Received

- ◆ Quality Time – must be wanted
- ◆ Gifts – must be accepted
- ◆ Touch – must be wanted
- ◆ Words – must be valued
- ◆ Service – must be appreciated



Are We Allowing God to Love Us?

How often I wanted to gather your children...
but you were not willing!

Matthew 23:37

“I stand at the door and knock...”

Revelation 3:20



Loving the World for Him

- ◆ We give others time with Him
- ◆ We give gifts in His name
- ◆ We touch people for Him
- ◆ We speak words that bring life and hope
- ◆ We serve our friends & communities, loving them to life!

Walking in Faith



- ◆ 2 Chronicles 16:9
- ◆ Amos 3:7
- ◆ John 14:13, 15:7, 16
- ◆ A journey of desire
- ◆ It's relational so talk – i.e. pray!
- ◆ Take the next step!