

Mothers hold their children's
hands for a short while,
but their hearts forever.
~Author Unknown



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THE POWER OF A MOTHER'S LOVE

Dear Chosen One: **“There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. We love because He [God] first loved us. If anyone says, I love God, yet hates his [her] brother, [sister], [children] [or parents], he [she] is a liar. For anyone who does not love [those] whom he [she] has seen, cannot love God whom he [she] has not seen... Whoever loves God must also love [others]” (1 John 4:18-21.)**

The Bible tells us in 1 Corinthians 13:1-9, all the things that LOVE is and is not. Love is an **“action word”** and it should be demonstrated when we talk about it. Many people use the word love out of context without knowing the true meaning or definition.

As we examine the **“power of a mother’s love”**, we will also see some of the errors that many mothers have made while rearing their children. In my parents’ era the word love was rarely spoken of but demonstrated. In my generation, love was sometimes spoken but poorly displayed. In this present generation the word love is mentioned often but has different meanings to those who are using it and it’s often used out of context.

Not too many children were fortunate enough to receive love and affection from their parents. Some children heard the word—love, but never felt the true impact of it, while others rarely heard the word from their mother’s lips but felt the

affection. Then, there were those children who never heard nor felt loved by their mothers.

However, there are many children who consider themselves blessed; they were the ones who grew up not only hearing the word love but also receiving affection. Regardless of what kind of experience you may have had as a child growing up, God’s Love played a significant role in your conception. God told Jeremiah **“Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you before you were born, I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”** (Jeremiah 1:5). God is no respecter of person, so this confirmation was not only for Jeremiah as you and I were also included in this validation. In spite of how you feel or what you think, God’s love is by far greater than your Mother’s love.

Many mothers have gone and will go the extra mile for their children and do the impossible to save their lives without even mentioning the word love. As a child growing up, the word love was rarely mentioned in our home, but it was frequently demonstrated through my mother’s actions. My mother was a gentle, kind, and caring person and raised her children in the best way she knew.

The story of Moses’ survival demonstrated the power of a mother’s love. During the time of Moses’ birth, Pharaoh gave orders that every Hebrew boy child that was born **“must [be thrown] into the Nile [river]”** (Exodus 1:22.) This evil act was to prevent the Hebrews from increasing in population.

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But Moses' mother risked her own life and disobeyed the king's order to save her son. She hid him for three months, and then came up with a plan to save her son's life. This mother disregarded the king's order, endangered her other children and herself to save her son. This was the power of a mother's love being demonstrated. Love conquers fear!

A few years ago, I saw a child being interviewed on television. Obviously, this family was living in poverty. The interviewer asked the child **"What happens when there is not enough food for everyone in your house?"** The child looked at the interviewer and responded, **"my mother doesn't eat, she will go hungry in order for us to eat."** **Shocking but true!** The power of a mother's love made this mother go without food so that her children could eat.

If you are a mother, I am sure that there were times when you bent over backwards or broke some rules to provide or accomplish a task for your child. Many of us came out of the silent generation where love was rarely or sometimes spoken of but was demonstrated in actions. No! I am not speaking about any action that was misrepresented as love. Love is a powerful tool, and it should be used in its rightful context, to encourage, build-up, care for, educate, guide, strengthen, nurture, and embrace.

Here are two personal testimonies of my love for my children. When I was 15 years old, I got pregnant with my son. Both of my parents were strict. I knew that the news of my pregnancy was going to devastate my mother whom I was living with at the time. My mother was a devoted woman of God and she worked hard to provide for her children and tried to raise us up according to godly principles. However, at my age I had a different take on life.

Now, I was pregnant--faced with the consequences of my actions. My boyfriend was

nine years older than me. When he heard that I was pregnant he suggested I go to the doctor to confirm my belief. During the late 70's it was impossible for a child my age to visit a doctor without an adult, but I managed—I pretended to be older. I don't know if the doctor felt sorry for me or he was outright evil, but he told me I was not pregnant and gave me some pills stating that I had only missed my period, and the pills would help regulate my menstruation back to normalcy.

However, before I took the pills, I showed them to my boyfriend, and he insisted that I should not take them and to throw them away. It turned out that I was pregnant, and I told my mother. Although she was disappointed with my behavior, she supported my decision to have the baby. Today, my son is almost 45 years old, and I am proud of the choice I made. It was my mother's love, which supported me, my boyfriend's advice to disregard the doctor's ruling, and my determination— **that led to my decision to have my son,** the above combination is the result from **the power of a mother's love!**

My daughter was conceived four weeks after a major surgery. The doctors suggested that I abort the pregnancy because it was too risky. However, this time I had more wisdom; I consulted the GREAT PHYSICIAN—JESUS! Then, I made the decision to have my baby. Today, my daughter is almost 33 years old, and I refer to her as my **"miracle baby"**. In both situations, I demonstrated the **power of love** and disregarded the opinions of others. The Bible says, **"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes. Always perseveres. Love never Fails"** (1 Corinthians 13:4-8). **A Mother's love will prevail!**