

Reflection.....Edevo September 15, 2022

**FORGET THE
BUTTERFLIES, I
FEEL THE WHOLE
ZOO WHEN I AM
WITH YOU**

I came across this quote the other day while I was looking for some inspiration. Pretty nifty, don't you think? It really caught my eye. I have to admit, I got lost for a moment, wondering about how this human description of feelings, that we use towards another person, might actually relate to the kind of love God has for us? I'm not talking a gushy type of love here, but instead a love that moves one to incredible, unbelievable, lengths to show the depths of His love. It's hard to fathom! We hear about God's love all the time, but do we really allow ourselves to be shaped by that love? It doesn't take much time in the bible to learn about God's love and its impact on us.

For example:

God's love is steadfast and unchanging
God's love comforts us
God's love is revealed to us through Jesus Christ
God's love is poured into us through the Holy Spirit
God's love compels us to love one another

Are you starting to feel the flutter of a butterfly's wing yet? How about these truths:

Deuteronomy 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.*

Psalms 136:26 *Give thanks to the God of heaven, for **his steadfast love endures forever**.*

Romans 5:8 *God shows **his love** for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

Galatians 2:20 *I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in **the Son of God who loved me** and gave himself for me.*

Ephesians 2:4-5 *But God, being rich in mercy, **because of the great love with which he loved us**, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved.*

Five short passages that can potentially awaken the whole zoo within you. That's how God feels when He is with you. May you feel the stampede of His love for you!

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