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We must learn let go of past hurt and learn to live in the present. God's love surrounds us right now!

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1 John 5:3

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In the life of Christ, we can understand the depth of God's love

God is love, we are made in His image; we are created to love

1 John 4:10-11

10 This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

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11 Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other.

1 John 4:19-20 19 We love each other because he loved us first. 20 If someone says, "I love God," but hates a fellow believer, that person is a liar; for if we don't love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see?

Know that God's unfailing love surrounds in every present moment - draw close to God in quiet reflection and ask Him to help us love the way he created us to seek to give/serve above all else

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