

# FORTIFY - With His Love

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**Genesis 1:6-8 (NIV)** – “And God said, ‘Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water’. So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. God called the vault ‘sky’. And there was evening, and there was morning – the second day”.

**John 13:1b (NIV)** – “Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end”.

**John 15:13 (NIV)** – “Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends”.

**Micah 7:18-20 (NIV)** – “Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea. You will be faithful to Jacob, and show love to Abraham, as you pledged on oath to our ancestors in days long ago”.

**Song of Solomon 2:2-4 (NKJV)** – “Like a lily among the thorns, so is my love among the daughters. I sat down in his shade with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love”.

**Romans 8:38-39 (NIV)** - “For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord”.

“The shape of true love isn’t a diamond. It’s a cross” – **Alicia Bruxvoort**

**Romans 8:31-32 (NIV)** – “What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?”

“God loves us too much to indulge our every whim” – **Max Lucado**

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**Romans 8:33-37 (NIV)** – “Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: ‘For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered’. No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us”.

**Pastor David Guzik’s 4 ways we are “more than conquerors”:** 1) We conquer with a greater power, the power of Jesus, 2) We conquer with a greater motive, the glory of Jesus, 3) We conquer with a greater victory, losing nothing even in the battle, 4) We conquer with a greater love, conquering enemies with love and converting persecutors with patience.

“God’s love is like an ocean. You can see its beginning, but not its end” – ***Rick Warren***

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