

VIEW FROM THE HEIGHTS

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"I've never quit loving you and never will. Expect love, love, and more love!"

Jeremiah 31:3 The Message

Greetings,

Do you remember the first time you fell in love?

It might have been a school-age crush or a date with the person who was to become your life partner. The object of your affections could have lived next door or been the biggest rock star of the moment.

Whoever he or she was, you thought that person was gorgeous. You wanted to see them, spend time with them, and learn all you could about who they were and how you could get their attention.

Do you remember when you first fell in love with God? You might have fallen for Jesus at youth camp or been drawn to our amazing Creator in a favourite nature spot. Or did the Spirit capture your soul and help it soar? However God won your heart, you thought that S/he was gorgeous! You couldn't stop talking about your new love and how it had transformed your life.

Being in love is a wonderful feeling. Especially with God! There are no worries about will he love you back or leave you for someone else. You don't have to fuss about what to wear or how to behave. God will remain madly in love with you, no matter what.

God is passionate about you – and about every one of her precious children. She doesn't send floods or fires. Nor does God give us cancer or car accidents to test or teach. When we walk away from God or act in ways he hates, God doesn't sulk or get stroppy. Our Heavenly Parent doesn't inflict punishments or punitive lessons. She doesn't fantasize about eternal damnation!

God grieves! He worries that you might have lost your way – the way of being your best self. And God misses you! Your Sunday morning dates and evening quiet times were the highlights of her week! *"How can I win her back?"* God asks. *"What can I do to show him how much I care?"*

If you've lost some of your first-crush feelings for God, don't panic. God is still crazy about you! Why not try to rekindle the emotions you once had? Restart your prayer life; revisit the place where you fell in love; plan a date with God.

You will make God's day!

And you will remake your life.

Deepest Blessings,

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