

## SESSION FIVE

### LIVE THE LOVE SONG

This chapter serves as a bridge from Part One to Part Two.

After spending the past weeks focusing on the importance of knowing you are loved and experiencing His love throughout your daily life, are you watching for His love in new ways?

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Is the love of God beginning to trickle down from your head into your belief system?

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Have you found new “evidence” of God’s love over these past weeks? If so, give examples.

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To gain a new view of God’s love for you takes time. Our world-shaped minds (and hearts) must be transformed (Romans 12:2). Remember, like holding up a diamond to the light, there are many facets of God’s love for you, each uniquely shaped to love you exactly as you need to be loved.

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#### KEY POINTS:

- The more you encounter God’s love in your daily life (the music), the better you get at walking out your life of faith.
- The work is on God’s shoulders. Just show up each day.

- As you turn your focus on His love, the love song will only grow louder.

*His love is the music that draws us to the dance floor.*

We can view God's love song over our lives as His invitation for us to step out in faith and dance with Him, trusting His love is real and true and personal, even when we don't yet "feel" that love within.

Write out Hebrews 11:1 below.

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Give this journey of love your time and attention, knowing that faith *will* become sight. You will begin to see more evidences of His love for you in the days ahead. Once you catch a glimmer of His abiding love reflected in your daily life, you'll be forever looking for more. Our love-hungry souls never have love enough.

*His Word guides our steps.*

If you don't know the steps to any "dances of life," you can trust His inspired Word through Scripture to guide your way.

Write out Psalm 119:105 below.

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His ways aren't ours for a reason (Isaiah 55:8). His ways are better. We have to learn to let go of our opinions and beliefs and allow Him to direct our steps (Proverbs 3:5-6).

*Our faith walk is the day-to-day dance.*

Our response to God's love is how we walk out this life of faith. The louder the song plays, as we get to know Jesus and His love for us, the more we dance in step.

Write John 15:4 below.

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Do you remember what I said in Session Four about the word *abide*, the fish and fishbowl imagery? "Like a goldfish in a bowl, his existence and breath are in that bowl."

We need to learn to abide in Jesus, to dance the dance of life every day in His arms and to His tune—not our own. There is no aspect or experience of any day that God isn't a part of. He's there. Let Him show you His active every-single-day love.

A question I asked you to consider during the video was: Are you pliable? (Pliable: supple enough to bend freely or repeatedly without breaking – Merriam-Webster.)

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Are you willing, as we go along this journey together, to look at yourself honestly, to look into the deepest-down part of yourself? ;)

Ponder James 1:23-25. Write its meaning in your own words in the space below.

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As we work through Part Two, you will encounter many verses that will give you the opportunity to see your face as in a mirror. You can't just be a hearer of the word. You must learn to be a doer. When you see an area where you need work, don't just blow it off. Don't "forget what kind of person you are." Acknowledging where you don't measure up is the first step. *Humility* is a great word to insert here. Be humble enough to admit where you're missing the mark. Tell God you see it and you're willing. Then you'll find He will give you many opportunities to work with Him in that area. Even if it takes years, that's okay.

You may not realize this, but this is actually where you'll find His love most evident, in the day to day walking out of your life of faith. When you blow it and He loves you anyway, what better proof of a Father's love? He will lovingly guide you and teach you and mold you into the woman He created you to be.

### LOOK WITHIN:

I shared in the book chapter about my skunk. I talked in the video about the feeder root, that "thing" that needs to be addressed so that God can work on other areas of your life. Can you think of any areas where this imagery can apply to your life? Do you have something "big" that needs to be addressed so that the smaller things can work themselves out?

Write your thoughts below.

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