

those of us who have been madly in love with another person, know what it means to be madly in love. We cannot adequately describe the feeling with words. Nonetheless, we know it when we feel it. When you are overwhelmed with that kind of love, you will do anything your lover desires. And usually, when you know what they desire, you are already trying to fulfill their desire before they even ask.

Ultimately, we come to be able to finish one another's sentences. Many times we are already thinking a thought which they express, before they say it. And, so it goes. When you love someone deeply, you always want to please them. And the love story of the Bible is to show us how intimacy with God is the primary objective and romancing Him is essential.

One of the most appealing aspects of love, is that it comes without warning and without the baggage of manipulation or coercion. It is purely and simply an unadulterated, deep affection for another that creates an other-preferring desire for them. True love then is opposite of our natural inclinations to put ourselves before others.

One demonstration of this is the parent saving their child's life while sacrificing their own life in the process. The greatest demonstration of this on the landscape of God's creation of the universe in general and mankind specifically is sacrificing Himself, in the person of Jesus Christ. He did not sacrifice Himself to be a hero. He gave Himself for us because of His genuine and enormous love for us.

As opposed to the glory bestowed on the heroic individual, there was nothing but shame and disgrace heaped upon the Son of God. Yet God loves us so much, He allowed His only Begotten Son, to become a part of mankind and then be murdered by us in the most inhumane of all human punishments. When this love becomes posited within us, in the person of the Holy Spirit, we too can endure atrocities with joy at the hands of others who reject His love flowing through us.

My Confirming Scripture: My Aligning Experiences:

DEEPER Every Day -- John Henry Alan