

***After the Broken Heart:  
Finding the Love of Christ***

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## **Dedication:**

*This book was inspired by the Holy Spirit, and I give all the praise and glory to God.*

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# After the Broken Heart

*He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds [curing their pains and their sorrows].*

*Psalm 147: 3 AMP*

## **Where is the Love?**

There are no scars or bruises on the outside for people to see.  
But look deep inside the broken heart of a woman.  
Deep within are the scars and bruises of lies, rejection, and abandonment.  
Deep within are the cries of a woman.

Where is the love?

Deep inside her heart is the desire to love and be loved.  
To be loved by her husband as Christ loved the church.  
He gave Himself up for her.  
To be lovely and beautiful are the deep longings of a woman's heart.

Take care of me.  
Help me feel safe.  
Tell me you love me as I am.  
Tell me you see my beauty.  
Spend time with me.  
Look deep into my eyes.  
Speak to me.  
Honour me as your wife.

I cannot honour you, he said.  
I feel no connection to you.  
I feel empty inside.  
We have nothing in common.

Oh Lord, Where is the love?

Help me Lord, I cried.

The family I once knew is gone.

I feel so ashamed.

I feel so confused.

Where can I run?

Where can I hide?

When will this hurt and shame subside?

Divorce is ok, I was told.

My mind cannot understand how this could be.

Where is the love in the breaking of a promise?

Where is the love in the breaking of a covenant?

We promised to love each other in good times and in bad.

Until death do us part.

Where is the love my dearest Saviour?

It is going to get dark, I heard him say.

Lord, help me break free from this darkness that surrounds me.

My mind and emotions are being manipulated.

What evil has caused a man to be burdened with guilt and shame?

He no longer sees me.

He cannot look into my eyes.

Dear Jesus, there is only emptiness inside.

You will find someone else.

I must go.

I am out the door.

I am not happy here.

Why? Why?

He left me my Father.

He abandoned me.

Save me Lord!

Have mercy on me!

I cried out from the depths of my soul.

Jesus, I am pleading with you desperately.

I cannot bear this pain.

I am all alone.

What shall I do?

I cannot sleep here alone in my bed.

My mind is in deep darkness and silence.

Where, oh, where is the love?

My heart is broken for my children.  
They no longer have the family they once knew.  
The future I dreamed of has vanished.  
Where is the love?  
I cannot see it through the lies of a man.  
All I see is broken promises.  
Help me find You, Lord, in this deep pit of despair

My self-worth as a woman is gone.  
I want to hide beneath my bed, never to come out again.  
What if I were prettier, taller, smarter, thinner?  
Would he have stayed?  
Would he have loved me then?  
Would he have treated me with dignity and worth?

I asked again and again for the truth.  
Why are you unhappy?  
Why did you leave me?  
But my questions went unanswered.  
How can I find the truth Lord?  
Why did he leave me all alone?

Oh God, the lies torment my mind?  
The nights seem so long, with no answers.  
Twisted words keep me in darkness.  
My heart longs for truth.  
My mind cannot find rest.  
The lies confuse and suffocate me.

Where is the Love?

The Lord gently guides me to see the truth with my own eyes.  
Knowing deep inside that he would be there.  
My heart pounds with pain to reach the place of final truth.  
Someone else has taken my place.  
I cannot find my breath.  
How can this be?  
Who is this man, but a stranger to me?  
Liar! Cheater! I screamed.  
Oh the pain! Oh the grief!  
God Help Me, Please!

Where is the Love?

Why didn't he tell me the truth from the beginning Lord?  
How could someone you love and trust deceive you for so long?  
Help me Lord, I don't understand.  
How will I ever trust again?

The marriage was not perfect; far from it my Lord.  
I made mistakes and carried pain from my past.  
But unconditional love, honesty, and truth are what you desire.  
Love one another as I have loved you is your command.

Where is the love?

You told me Lord, that you collect all my tears in a bottle in heaven.  
Your mercy and love have slowly healed and mended my broken heart.  
You filled me with courage and strength to face the truth of my marriage.  
A truth I could not bear on my own.  
You gave Your Son's blood that has washed me clean.  
You told me that You have taken me out of the bondage of infidelity.

**With a grateful heart Lord,  
I thank You that Your truth has set me free.  
For You alone are my Redeemer.**

Through the lies and abandonment of a man,  
I have found the glory of God.  
I have found the healing power of Christ's love.  
I have found a faith renewed.  
I have found a strength I never knew.  
I have found the strength of Jesus.  
For when I am weak, He is strong.  
I have found joy.  
I have found God's love for me.  
A love I never knew.  
His love has shown me that I am a loving and beautiful woman.  
I am worthy to be loved.  
I am worthy to be treated with dignity and respect.

You are not a victim, I heard the Lord say.  
You have victory in Me.  
Now pick up the pieces and rebuild your home.  
This time build it on My solid foundation.  
This foundation is made of truth, love, faith, and knowledge.  
The base of this foundation is My power, and it will last into eternity.

Know the power that dwells within you, the Lord said.  
I have sent the Holy Spirit to guide you.  
My resurrection power is steadfast.  
I will never leave you nor forsake you.  
I am the Rock.  
Place your trust in Me.

Forgive this man, the Lord said.  
Let go of your anger and give your burdens to Me.  
This is all so difficult Lord.  
I know that obedience is necessary to be free.  
I choose to forgive him as You have forgiven me.

Please, dear God, take him into Your hands.  
Bring healing to his brokenness.  
Cleanse him with Your precious blood.  
Bless him.  
Help him find the power of Your love and forgiveness.

I know that God is the teacher and the judge.  
He is the vindicator of all things.  
It is time to rebuild my life on His solid ground.  
It is time to give all that I am to Jesus.  
It is time to do His will here on Earth.  
It is time to understand that I am loved by My Heavenly Father.

I am the apple of His eye.

I choose to love and forgive.

I desire to be more like Jesus.

I want to live a life full of joy, love, and peace.

Strengthen my faith each day Lord.

I will trust You.

I will turn to You in times of trouble.

Lord, let Your love transform me and radiate through me.

Use me to touch the lives of your lost sheep.

“Where is the Love?” I once asked.

I found it in *Jesus Christ*.

His Love is Perfect.

Perfect love casts out all fear.

We must live in love, if we are to live in God.

To live in God is to love others—Perfectly!

**IT IS TIME TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS' PERFECT LOVE.  
AND SO MY JOURNEY BEGINS.**

## **From Despair to Gladness**

The pain of abandonment is difficult to bear  
It can lead one to complete despair

What you once knew is gone forever  
The choice of someone to love you never

Unanswered questions swimming in your head  
Grief and loneliness lie with you in bed

So many things were left unsaid  
The emptiness inside feels lonely and dead

The future is unclear and love is gone  
A heart in small pieces, everything wrong

A mind that searches for peace at last  
Will never find it in the past

A search that has led to a healing  
Was found at first not to be appealing

A new heart and mind must be desired  
If darkness and lies are to be retired

Darkness is scattered by God's own Word  
Lies exposed no longer heard

To find the greatest love of all  
The love of Christ who carries us when we fall

For He too knows our human pain  
He came down from Heaven to be slain

He shed His blood to set us free  
The future with Christ is very clear to see

A future filled with peace, joy, and love  
Beautiful gifts from Heaven above

To follow Christ we need to decide  
Do not run from this truth and hide

The light of Christ is deep within  
Do not let this light grow dim

Ignite the fire, let the flame burn  
The passion of Christ, we need to learn

His love forever etched in our heart  
We were created not to be apart

For the one who created you called you into being  
Turn to Him, repent instead of fleeing

The worldly things will leave you thirsting for more  
For our sins, our pain, and our sorrows He bore

Come out of your despair and sadness  
Rejoice, Rejoice with Him in gladness

# Finding the Love of Christ

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

*John 3:16*

## **My Forever Girl**

You are My forever girl  
Forever loved  
Forever beside Me  
Forever blessed  
Forever Mine  
My forever girl  
Forever beautiful  
Forever in Me  
Forever united to Me  
Always and Forever loved  
The beauty of you will be  
Forever etched in My Heart

*For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.*

*Psalm 117:2*

## **We Are One**

My heart belongs to you  
Will you reach out and take a piece  
And bring it close to yours  
Together We are one  
One in love  
One in peace  
One in joy

*But the person united with the Lord becomes one spirit with Him.*

*1 Corinthians 6:17 AMP*

## **Love Pours Down**

My love pours down on you  
Like rain from a cloud  
As rain nourishes the flowers  
So My love nourishes your soul  
Soak in My love  
Let it feed every cell of your being  
Let My love fill you to overflowing  
Let My love pour out of you  
As water from a spout  
Nourishing everyone around you

*And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our heart through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.*

*Romans 5:5*

## **Believe**

Dream big  
Desire Me  
Put Me first  
See how I make things new  
See the transforming power of My love  
Place your hope in Me  
Trust in Me  
Love Me  
Find joy in Me  
Delight in My presence  
I will give you the desires of your heart  
Believe in Me

*Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved --- you and your household.*

Acts 16:31

End of sample.  
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