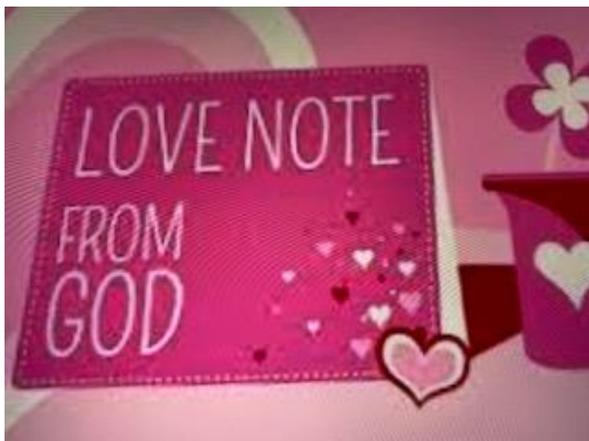


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♥♥♥ HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! ♥♥♥



In grade school, preparation for February 14 was so much fun! (for girls, that is.... Dwight tells me that boys did not necessarily share those sentiments!)

Each classroom decorated a big cardboard box with hearts and lace and ribbons, cutting a hole in the top into which classmates put their valentines brought from home. Day by day the box filled up!!!

On the BIG DAY, the teacher cut open the box and distributed the cards . BUT — in those early, much less-enlightened days, there was no instruction to give one to everyone in the class... kids only gave them to their friends or to someone they HOPED to acquire as a friend. So, some kids ended up with big piles on their desks while

others only had a few or just the one that the teacher gave to everyone. OUCH!!!

Even as a child, that seemed so WRONG to me — the opposite of what true love is.

Contrast that with GOD'S VALENTINE to every single one of us...

Dear One...

I ADORE YOU.

Not because of anything you DO, but simply because you are my child ...

I love you because you are YOU and your name is engraved in my heart!

AND — I created you — as I create Every Single Person (no exceptions) — in my own image ...

EACH one of you in this world — no matter who you are ... or where you live ... or what you look like — see MY face when you look in the mirror.

The world often tells us that we can never be enough ... that love has to be earned ... that nothing can make up for past bad decisions ... or that we are just un-lovable.

“NOT TRUE,” says God!!!!

I sent you the Ultimate Valentine in Jesus, who embodied my love, taught my love, shared my love, WAS my love — in the world .

Two years ago, just a month before the COVID shutdown, our wonderful Marilyn Linn made a donation to purchase a stunning anthem to honor the memory of her dear husband Bob. The text is just exquisite :

“ Jesus Christ, the Love that gives Love, you are higher than the highest star
You cherish us as your own family, you embrace us as your own spouse
You watch over us as your own children, you welcome us as your dearest friend
Let all the world worship you..... “

[Click on this link](#) and let our choir sing it for you as they did two years ago — on Valentine's Day itself, the day of Bob and Marilyn's wedding anniversary.

READ the words first ... then ABSORB them into your heart ... It is God's Valentine — to you ♥

