



Love Deals with Essentials...

Faith in the Risen Lord invites us to go beyond the limiting horizons of our lives. Everything is possible when we look at life from God's perspective. God wishes us to be saved, free from sin. He invites us to live in perpetual communion with him. Despite our daily concerns, the Easter dawn enlightens us to acknowledge what we have achieved with God's support.

This seems like a simple plan, but we are dealing with reality - not dreams. Over the past two millennia, believers have accomplished much and countless lives have been dedicated to the cause of the Christian faith. So many projects have been successful because they were sustained by hope! So much charity and love has been shared during our lifetime.

There is one essential key to our success: the constant and merciful presence of the God of Life, Peace and Understanding. Unfortunately our era has disparaged God's intervention in our lives and invented substitutes. The most authentic Love is also the simplest. It is Love that lasts forever and promotes peace. This Love has a Source and a Name and inspires our initiatives for human solidarity through encouragement and support.

When we speak of love and the women honored on Mother's Day, we acknowledge that love is not necessarily complicated and is often expressed simply and sincerely. Our mothers brought us into the world and have accompanied us with great care. They keep an affectionate and careful eye on youth attempting to become autonomous adults.

This experience helps us understand the Gospel message today. God's Love for us, manifested in Christ, is always offered through the action of the Holy Spirit. We enjoy the benefits which God's Son secured for us. God, like our mothers, remains supportive of children who may be keeping their distance and struggling to assert their autonomy.

In the first reading, the early Christians are invited to live according to God's plan for humanity. Are we as clear in our choices today and in the transmission of our faith? Mothers who successfully guided little ones within a family structure have taught us something essential: we educate others by attending to basics without overbearing supervision or advice that can discourage or damage relationships. From the beginning, our Mother the Church has proposed guidelines that encourage perseverance but doesn't compromise communion. In our modern era with its infinite complexities, it is to our advantage never to forget these very *successful* and *maternal* strategies.

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