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Philippians 2:21 For they all seek after their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus. ([NASB](#))
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We live in a world where everything turns around oneself. **My** happiness, what other people can do for **me, my** wants and **my** needs. No wonder divorce rates are growing daily and adultery happens more frequently. If we just could understand what love really is all about. Jesus came to Earth to demonstrate one thing for us; what true love is. He came to Earth as a normal human being, lived a simple selfless life, loved His fellow man and died for us so that we could walk in His freedom today. Jesus is our source of true love. If we really understand what happened during Jesus' crucifixion, we will have an idea of what it really means to truly love someone.

2 Corinthians 5:19 namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Jesus loves us unconditionally. He just loves us regardless and without any apparent reason why. He did what was needed so that He could save His beloved (you and I). The sacrifice Jesus made by dying for us was more than we could ever deserve in this life time. He gave Himself as a living sacrifice and died a horrific death. Is your love strong enough to be able to die for your loved one?

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Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his wife/husband. - John 15:13 (KJV)

Love them through everything; when you are happy, when you are sad, when they hate you, when they swear at you – in any situation. LOVE out of a humble and repentant heart. Ask the Lord to help you. He's the only one who can train your heart to love someone unconditionally. Start to put your focus on Jesus and being one with your spouse. Use this time to build on your relationship with Christ and your beloved. Even if your husband or wife is not with you, it doesn't matter. You can still love them.

Pray daily that the Lord will help you to create opportunities to show your beloved through your words and actions that you really do love them. I have come to learn and have mentioned this previously; the Lord showed me that Love is more than a word; it is an action. The more time we spend with our Saviour, the more He will rub off on us and we will become more like Him. It's like any married couple; the longer they are married, they become more like each other. Spending daily devotional time with our Lord Jesus is the guarantee that He will change our hearts, so that

we can generate the Godly love our Lord contains.

Philippians 2:4 do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. ([NASB ©1995](#))

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So make a commitment today that you will stop focusing on yourself and start focusing on what the Lord wants to do with you. Where Love rules there will always be Hope.

1 Corinthians 10:24 Let no one seek his own good, but that of his neighbour.

Where does one start to love one's mate as Christ loves the church and gave Himself for her? Here are some pointers to give you a kick start into the right direction to love your beloved unconditionally, and to put seeds of love in your own heart, so that the Lord can start relishing His love in you.

1. Strive to act as one at all times in everything.
2. Never be harsh toward your spouse, but instead honour and cherish them.
3. Always remember that you are not independent of them, you are one.
4. Try to always listen and communicate well with your spouse.

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5. Inspire yourself to always draw on their wisdom and strength.

6. Always treat them with tenderness and humility.

7. Let the Lord help you to display an unselfish spirit at all times.