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## **“God’s Yearning”**

*“...I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.”  
(Jeremiah 31:3)*

### **The Father’s Love**

**2 Samuel 7:14-15** – (14) “I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, (15) but my steadfast love will not depart from him...”

**Ezekiel 16:4-6** – (4) “And as for your birth, on the day you were born your cord was not cut, nor were you washed with water to cleanse you, nor rubbed with salt, nor wrapped in swaddling cloths. (5) No eye pitied you, to do any of these things to you out of compassion for you, but you were cast out on the open field, for you were abhorred, on the day that you were born. (6) And when I passed by you and saw you wallowing in your blood, I said to you in your blood, ‘Live!’ I said to you in your blood, ‘Live!’”

**John 16:27** – “For the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.”

**1 John 3:1** – “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are...”

### **Jesus’ Passion**

**John 13:1** – “Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.”

**Luke 22:15-18** – (15) “And he said to them, ‘I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. (16) For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.’ (17) And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, ‘Take this, and divide it among yourselves. (18) For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.’”

**Hebrews 12:2** – “...Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”

**Hebrews 10:12-13** – (12) “But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, (13) waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet.”

### **The Holy Spirit’s Yearning**

**James 4:5** – “Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, ‘He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us?’”

### **Reciprocation:**

“What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.” (Psalm 116:12-14)

“For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.” (2 Corinthians 5:14-15)

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