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2 Corinthians 11:23-37

Does anything prevent you from feeling confident that God loves you? Perhaps you are convinced some sin from your past blocks His love. In that case, think about Paul. He violently persecuted Christians before he himself finally turned to the Lord. If such a man knew God loved him, would that help you realize you, too, are loved?

Whatever your experiences are, Paul probably encountered something you can relate to. Yet he kept spreading his message of hope: *God loves us and sent His Son to die on the cross for our sins.*

Maybe you wonder how a God of love could allow you to be hurt or abused. Or possibly you feel alone and unlovable. Paul endured beatings and imprisonment for preaching the gospel, his friends abandoned him, and he was even shipwrecked. But if Paul was able to have faith that God loved him, won't you believe that God loves you as well?

Whether your situation is unfair, painful, or humiliating, the fact that it happened doesn't mean God has stopped loving you. Sometimes we face difficulty because He is polishing our rough edges and molding us into His image. Other times trials instigated by Satan are allowed in our life through the Lord's permissive will. Either way, God is working everything out to our good, according to His individualized purpose for each believer ([Rom. 8:28](#)).

The key to accepting the truth of God's unconditional love is to focus on Him, not circumstances. When you're learning of Him, talking with Him, and sharing your life with Him, trust and faith naturally replace doubt and fear.

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