

“REAL LOVE BELIEVES”

LOVE ALWAYS BELIEVES:

- Faith must be expressed through love (Gal. 5:6).
 - Love never gives up (1Cor. 13:7);
 - Love never loses faith;
 - Love is always hopeful;
 - Love endures through every circumstance.
 - The battle to believe becomes real when circumstances, other people and your own feelings tell you to throw in the towel and stop loving.
- Believing love sees myself, people and circumstances from God’s viewpoint.
 - Nothing can separate us from God’s love (Ro. 8:35-39).
 - No person is beyond God’s transforming power (Jn. 1:12-13).
 - No circumstance is beyond God’s redemption (Gen. 50:20; Ro. 8:28).
 - Nothing is impossible for God! (Jer. 32:17; Lk.1:37)
 - God is a redeemer! (Is. 61:1-3).
 - Love believes in God’s redemptive power.

GOD’S VICTORY:

- Love never loses sight of God’s promised victory (1Jn. 5:1-5).
 - When I am patient ...
 - When I am kind ...
 - When I refuse to be jealous or proud or rude ...
 - When I don’t demand my own way ...
 - When I always forgive ...
 - When I hold to the truth ...
 - When I refuse to stop praying ...
 - When I believe God no matter what the circumstance ...
 - ***I am winning the battle against sin, evil and Satan!!!***

THE LENS OF LOVE:

- Real love believes and “sees” a different reality than the reality perceived by our human senses and understanding (Eph. 6:10-12).
 - It is more aware of the spiritual battle than the human battle.
 - It grasps God’s vision for what can be and must be fought for.
 - “Because of the joy awaiting Him, He (Jesus) endured the cross...”
- Love sees the problem, but does not let the problem become the focus.
 - Jesus saw sinners, but he focused on God’s love for them.
 - Jesus saw sick people, but he focused on God’s healing power.
 - Jesus saw hungry people, but he focused on God’s provision.
 - Jesus saw political struggles, but he focused on the Kingdom of God.
 - Jesus had enemies, but he focused on doing God’s work.
- What lens are you looking through?
 - The lens of your human reality or,
 - The lens of love that believes God’s reality.
 - This will determine what battle you fight and what victory you are fighting for.