WALK IN LOVE

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Ephesians 5:2

Reflections by Bernarda L. Hernández–

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Do we want to walk in love?

If God is at the center of our life, as children of God, we trust that he guides our steps. And we know this – God is love, for He so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him does not die but has everlasting life (John 3:16).

Think of all the people that have children. Certainly, there is no reason why parents would want them to suffer. However, this is the way God shows us his great love, a love so big that no one can describe it with words. This is why it is so good to believe in Jesus Christ, and to feel the Holy Spirit sent by God into our lives. I would like to encourage you to grow more and more in love, to be open and welcoming to God, and to walk in love in gratitude and devotion to our heavenly father. When we walk in love, we are happy serving the church, offering our gifts, praising God, encouraging those who may feel down, and praying for those who are sick. Doing all of this as children of God feeds our spirits and fills our hearts with joy.

Luke 6:20-31 speaks to us about the suffering faced by the children of God. However, when the Holy Spirit is dwelling in our life we can have suffering, sickness, big problems, but we shall be victorious and we will be able to continue forward

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Reflection Questions

- When have you felt God's nudge, voice, or embrace guiding your steps?
- What words do you use to describe God's love?
- When have you felt or seen a burden lifted by members of your church?
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praying and with the hope of that, even though our earthly life is short, our spiritual life is eternal. That must be our faith, because I consider that the sufferings of this time are nothing if we compare them with the glory that we will have in the time to come (Romans 8:18).

I invite you to reflect on this – If we really wish to walk in love, we need to follow our heavenly Father's will (Matthew 7:21). How? By loving our neighbor, caring for God's creation, serving the Church with love, and seeking the gifts which we have been endowed and using them! I would like to encourage you to invite friends, family and others to unite in the love of Jesus Christ, telling them how essential it is to allow their lives to be guided by God, walking in love and being faithful to Jesus Christ. Their lives will be transformed, their big problems will turn out to be smaller, and all our burdens will be taken care of in His hands. Amen.

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