World's Greatest Lover

Ephesians 3:14-19

To know and comprehend Christ's love for us, let us compare it to the love of a man. And to magnify our Lord we shall imagine the richest, noblest, kindest, and most perfect man possible. Let us also imagine a poor, despised, and ugly single woman, though such an object is far superior to us as sinners. And we cannot forget that our Jesus is Jehovah God the eternal Creator made flesh. Maybe by this imperfect method we shall glimpse a little glimmer of His glorious love. I justify my method by Ephesians 5:32.

Man: I have chosen you from obscurity and poverty to be my wife.

Jesus: I have chosen you from death and pollution for love (Ezekiel 16:1-8).

Man: I love you.

Jesus: I love you (John 15:9; Malachi 1:2-3).

Man: I have loved you since I first saw you on the street.

Jesus: I have loved you from before the world began with an everlasting love (Jer 31:3).

Man: I will love you forever – or at least until I die.

Jesus: I have already and will love you eternally (II Thess 2:16; Romans 8:38-39).

Man: When you look at me like that, I just have to love you back.

Jesus: I loved you when you hated me, and I never thought of giving up (Rom 5:8,10).

Man: If you love another, then our deal is off.

Jesus: If you love another, then I will win you back (Jeremiah 3:12-14; Hosea 11:1-4).

Man: I am the richest man in the world – at least for this year according to <u>Forbes</u>.

Jesus: I created the heavens and the earth and own everything in them (Psalm 50:10-12).

Man: I sit on the Board of Directors of seven companies.

Jesus: I am the King of kings and Lord of lords (I Timothy 6:15; Revelation 19:15).

Man: Others consider me attractive.

Jesus: I am Beauty (Zechariah 9:17; 11:7; Psalm 27:4; 90:17; Revelation 1:17).

Man: I have brown eyes.

Jesus: My eyes are like a flame of fire (Revelation 19:12).

Man: I have brown hair.

Jesus: My hair is white like wool but covered with many crowns (Rev 1:14; 19:12).

Man: I will try to always tell the truth.

Jesus: I am the Truth (John 14:6; Revelation 19:11).

Man: I will try to always be faithful. Jesus: I am Faithful (Revelation 19:11) Man: If you will help me, I will try not to do wrong.

Jesus: I cannot do wrong (Hebrews 1:9; 7:26).

Man: Some say I am romantic. Let me read this little poem I have been working on.

Jesus: I wrote and am the ultimate fulfillment of Song of Solomon (Ephesians 5:32).

Man: I can be quite passionate.

Jesus: I am Passion (Romans 5:6-8; Luke 22:44; Hebrews 5:7-8).

Man: I promise to never lie to you.

Jesus: I cannot lie (Titus 1:2; Hebrews 6:18).

Man: I will make you happy for the rest of your life.

Jesus: I will make you happy for eternity (Psalm 16:11; Revelation 21:4).

Man: If you will tell me your needs, I will try to take care of them.

Jesus: I can supply all your needs according to my riches in glory (Philippians 4:19).

Man: Others say I am compassionate and merciful.

Jesus: I gave myself for you (John 10:11).

Man: I will try to give you security.

Jesus: I have you in my hand, and we are both in my Father's hand (John 10:28-30).

Man: I will learn to appreciate your good features.

Jesus: I make you perfect, and I will greatly desire your beauty (Ps 45:11; Eph 5:26-27).

Man: I think my parents will like you.

Jesus: My Father has always loved you (John 3:16).

Man: I have learned your tastes in food, clothing, and entertainment.

Jesus: I know the number of hairs on your head (Matthew 10:30).

Man: I think I know how you think.

Jesus: I know the thoughts and intents of your heart (Hebrews 4:12).

Man: I gave up many beautiful women for you.

Jesus: I gave up heaven's throne and died a crucifixion death for you (Philippians 2:5-8).

Man: I will ignore your faults.

Jesus: I will take away your sins and faults forever (Ephesians 5:27; Jude 24).

Man: I am very forgiving.

Jesus: I have already forgiven you, even for the future (I John 2:12; Colossians 2:13).

Man: Try not to fail in the same way more than once or twice.

Jesus: I will forgive you no matter how many times you fail (Matt 6:14; 18:22; Is 55:7).

Man: If you defy me, I will have to restrict your activities.

Jesus: If you deny me, I cannot deny myself; I will yet love you the same (Ps 89:30-37).

Man: I will try to forget what you have done to offend me.

Jesus: I cannot remember your offences (Hebrews 8:12).

Man: You look so good tonight.

Jesus: You are perfect forever - I only see absolute perfection (Col 1:22; Rev 19:8).

Man: I will give you the rest of my life – when I am not attending to business.

Jesus: I will give you myself for eternity (Romans 8:17).

Man: I will try not to change.

Jesus: I cannot change (Hebrews 13:8).

Man: My health is good - we should have several years together.

Jesus: I cannot die; I live forever (Revelation 1:18; Deuteronomy 32:40; I Tim 6:16).

Man: Whenever you need me, I will try to come home immediately.

Jesus: I will always be in and with you (John 14:16-18).

Man: When I have to be out of town, I will leave my chauffeur with you.

Jesus: I and my Father will live with you and in you by my Spirit (John 16:7).

Man: No matter where you go, I will try to find you.

Jesus: No matter where you go, I am there (Psalm 139:5-10; Jer 23:24; Matthew 28:20).

Man: You will never have to work again.

Jesus: You will never be sick, cry, or die (Revelation 21:4).

Man: I want to learn about your life to understand your perspective on things.

Jesus: I can relate perfectly to your life for I lived it already (Hebrews 4:15-16).

Man: I will give you your own bodyguard.

Jesus: I own principalities and powers in both worlds and give you my angel (Eph 1:21-22; Prov 34:7).

Man: I would love to hear your dreams.

Jesus: I know every thought and intent and desire of your heart (Psalm 139:2-4; 44:21).

Man: I want to get to know you.

Jesus: I know everything about you and care about every detail (Psalm 139:15-18).

Man: I think I will be able to surprise and please you often.

Jesus: I can do exceeding abundantly above anything you can ask or think (Eph 3:20).

Man: I will let nothing come between us – except death or desertion, of course.

Jesus: Nothing can separate you from my love (John 10:28-30; Romans 8:33-37).

Man: Tell me your fears, and I will try to make them go away.

Jesus: There is absolutely nothing to fear, for I am with thee (Hebrews 13:6).

Man: I will pay off your father's debts and give him a job.

Jesus: I destroyed your captor with everlasting destruction (Col 2:13-15; Heb 2:14-15).

Man: I will try to be sensitive to your needs.

Jesus: I am Compassion, and I know all your needs before you ask (Matthew 6:31-32).

Man: I need to admit a couple failed relationships some time ago.

Jesus: I have loved only you and will always love only you (Deut 7:6-8; 10:14-15).

Man: I will give you the best health care as you get older.

Jesus: I will give you an incorruptible body to live forever (I Cor 15:51-57; Phil 3:21).

Man: I am sorry if you get cancer or other fatal disease. I will not be able to help.

Jesus: I can heal your cancer or take you to our mansion early (Ps 103:3; Is 57:1-2)?

Man: I will give you the best burial in the best cemetery.

Jesus: I will redeem your body from the grave (Romans 8:23; Job 19:25-27).

Man: When I die, you will get my assets - after estate taxes, of course.

Jesus: I died already to give you everything to enjoy with me (Rom 8:32). I live forever.

Man: Will you sign this prenuptial?

Jesus: I am all yours forever and cannot deny Myself (II Timothy 2:13; Hebrews 13:5).

Man: I will invite you sometimes to accompany me at state functions as my wife.

Jesus: I have made you a king and priest to God forever (Revelation 1:6).

Man: Do you like the last name of Johnson – son of John?

Jesus: Do you like the last name of God's son – son of God (I John 3:1)?

Man: I cannot do more than marry you. Are you happy?

Jesus: I am marrying you, but I have also adopted you as my legal daughter (Rom 8:15; Eph 1:5).

Man: We will have our wedding dinner at the Ritz Carlton in New York.

Jesus: We will have the marriage supper of the Lamb with the host of heaven (Re 19:9).

Man: Photographers from "People Magazine" and "60 Minutes" will be there.

Jesus: Countless saints and angels, four beasts, and my Father will be there (Rev 7:9-12).

Man: I will wear a white tuxedo at our wedding.

Jesus: I will ride a white horse at our wedding (Revelation 19:11).

Man: You may feel a little intimidated by the other women who will be there.

Jesus: I have loved you – women will adore and envy you (Rev 3:9; Is 43:4; 49:22-23).

Man: I have arranged all my business for us to have a two-week honeymoon.

Jesus: I have arranged heaven for us to live in pleasure forever (Revelation 22:1-5).

Man: We can build a house in Hawaii.

Jesus: I am building a mansion for you in heaven (John 14:2-3).

Man: I hope nothing happens to our relationship.

Jesus: Not anything in heaven or in earth can affect our relationship (Romans 8:34-39).

Man: "Till death do us part."

Jesus: At death I will take you to a mansion to love you forever (John 14:2-3; Phil 1:21).

Man: Look in my eyes and see my love.

Jesus: Look at my hands and my feet and see my love (John 20:26-28; Revelation 5:6).

Man: With this ring . . . I thee wed.

Jesus: With this blood . . . I thee wed (Revelation 5:9; I Peter 1:18-19).