

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.” Psalms 118:1 NLT

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A reminder, a song, to be sung and repeated in the gathering of God's people. I would imagine it was sung like a round, like Row, Row, Row your boat... Plus, I don't see this as just a reminder, but an eternal truth! To give thanks because God has ALWAYS been good, he IS good and he will FOREVER be good. He does not change in this regard. Whether it is our shadowed goodness or our rebellious wickedness, it does not change God. These statements are solid truths to hold on to, to live by and to die with. The Psalmist reminds us that his faithful love also exists and endures forever. Tim Keller described the latin word, passion, means suffering. God's love is sacrificial and suffering as well as enduring. It's not selfish and fleeting like our emotions and images of slick media ads or soap opera shows. If anything, the reality show of God was holy week or passion week leading to the cross. The mockery, humiliation and eventual death is a much more sound picture of love than a single red rose presented after exploring all the cultural expectations of relationship. God's love is transformationally enduring!

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Dad,

Your love is grand, it is splendid. Not only is that shown to me, but I have the capability and responsibility of showing that to others. This is how I learn and grow in your love the best, but not just constantly receiving, but like you, truly giving it. And, as I have found feels so VERY hard to do! Like a friend said, “I'll try to love them next week!” This is one of the best ways of seeing the character of your son formed in me.

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