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**BECAUSE GOD LOVES ME**

Because God loves me, He is slow to lose patience with me.

Because God loves me, He takes the circumstances of my life and uses them in a constructive way for my growth.

Because God loves me, He doesn’t treat me as an object to be possessed or manipulated.

Because God loves me, He doesn’t need to demonstrate his authority; He is God.

Because God loves me, He touches me. He wants to see me mature and grow in His love.

Because God loves me, He doesn’t save up a list of my sins to beat me over the head with.

Because God loves me, He suffers when he sees that I’m not walking in his ways because He sees that I don’t trust Him.

Because God loves me, He continues trusting in me even at times when I don’t trust in myself.

Because God loves me, He never says there is no hope for me; He patiently keeps working with me, loving and disciplining me in such a way that it is hard for me to understand the depth of His love for me.

Because God loves me, He doesn’t renounce me even when many of my friends do.

Because God loves me, He stands with me when I have reached the end of my desperation, when I see the reality and I compare myself with His righteousness, holiness, beauty and love.

It is in a moment like that, that I can really believe the reality that God loves me.