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## Unfailing Love

Psalms 31:16, "Let Your face shine on Your servant; save me in Your unfailing love."

There are two important things to consider from this scripture. In the first part of this verse, David calls upon God to let His face shine upon His servant. David wanted the favor of God for sure, but here he is asking for more. He is asking for the presence of God. Now we who know Christ and live on this side of the crucifixion, have the Holy Spirit living within us. But David did not have this blessing. He was calling out to God for His presence. The word for the face of God shining is translated Shekinah and means God dwelling or settling upon us. When the Israelites built the tabernacle, God's presence would settle in the Holy of Holies and appear as a pillar of fire and a cloud of smoke.

More than ever, we need the presence; the dwelling of God upon us. Will you call upon the Lord to dwell upon you as you dwell in Him? And as we dwell or abide in Him, He will continually show us something; His unfailing love.

Now this is this most wonderful gift we can receive from the heart of God. We received grace and forgiveness from the cross as Jesus paid our sin debt with His precious, perfect blood. We received eternal life from the resurrection. But now we have also received the unfailing love of God. What that means is simple in its meaning but profound in its core. Yes, we have been given the love of God that He has poured out upon His children. Yes, we have felt His presence as He indwells us by His Spirit. But now we have also received a love that will never fail.

Contrastingly, our love is not always perfect. We can easily rely on our emotions and feelings at the time and seem to withhold our love (which is not really love at all). But God's love is constant and faithful. You will never have to wonder if you are loved by Him. Just remember what He has done for you. Rom. 5:8 For God demonstrated His love for us in this; while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Dear Lord, I thank You that Your love is always being poured out upon me. You will always love me, no matter what I've done. You will always sustain me with Your great love. I know I don't deserve it, but I'm grateful for it. In Jesus Name, Amen