REFLECTIONS

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God is love.

1 John 4:16

Rooted in Love

Roots. They are like transport vessels that carry multitudes of life sustaining ingredients into the far reaches of the lives they serve. For us, the ingredients keep breath pumping from our lungs while chemical transformations magically convert them into energy, intellect, and love. Love is where God lives.

And that's where we want to live too, only evil stands in our way. Lucifer stays busy misdirecting the path we wish to travel, splashing waves that dampen our spirits, and dousing out flames that would warm our hearts.

Our trouble began from one ominous fruit tree in the Garden—the one growing forbidden fruit. Why did God even plant it there? I think God knew there would come a time when we would need help with our perspective. How would we ever know what hot is unless we burn our fingers? And how would we ever learn to yearn for heaven without navigating the troubled waters of life here on earth? We need something to help us understand the importance of love.

So, it took but a single bite of the forbidden fruit to unleash Lucifer's evil spores throughout the world. Now it seems evil's tempting hands are there at every turn to charm us awry.

But if we pause to give notice to God, we find his loving smile enveloping all the world. He is the Master Potter who created all things through Christ Jesus. He planted you and me right where we are today, rooted in his love, and pumping his love to the far reaches of our souls.

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. (1 John 4:16-17)

"You are the light of the world,"

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