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There was a little boy that was watching his father working in his office. His father happened to be a minister. He was watching his father write his sermon, and the little boy asked, “So how do you know what to say?” And his father said, “Well, God tells me.” And the boy thought, and he said, “Oh, well, then why do you keep crossing things out and erasing?” Spoken like a true son of a minister.

But we should all take notice of what it is that comes along and moves us during the course of a day or a week or what have you. Whatever moves us positively, we should take note of. We should take inventory, really, at the end of every day and really take inventory of who we are at the beginning of each day. But there are things that come along and happen that kind of are there to steer us and guide us. There are things that happen in our lives that sort of bring up what is next for us to learn. Even in each day, you may be confronted with certain situations, certain people, certain personalities, certain whatever, that may challenge you to be able to maintain a level of consciousness, a level of awareness, that reflects your true nature as a spiritual being, as a child of God, as opposed to pulling back and being something else. And at the end of the day, you can look at all of those different stimuli that you had and opportunities to learn and to strive

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forward and kind of look at how you did. Not necessarily beat yourself up, but to be able to say, “You know, I missed an opportunity here to be more loving or more understanding.” Or, “Gosh, that was great. The universe really came to my aid. Thank you. Thank you. I am so grateful for that happening, this occurrence, this person appearing in my life.” Whatever it might be.

This week I knew that we had scheduled our wonderful special singer, Reverend Michael Gott, pianist, singer, and songwriter. He is a person that I met for the first time last year at the Big Sky retreat in Montana. He was singing and I was speaking. In preparation for his coming, I began to listen to his CDs. One of the first that I pulled up is a CD that was called *Love Can Move the World*. That was the title of the first song, as well. I listened to that song and I loved it. I loved the title of it, and I loved that line. *Love Can Move the World*. So I listened to it again, and I listened to it again and again. I’m not kidding you; I listened to it over 30 times this week because it spoke to me. It just resonated in my heart. It was something like the God of my being wanted me to get that love can move the world. Whether it has to do with whatever profession I’ve chosen or the impact I might or might not have on people, but to know and never forget that love can move the world and therefore love can move people, individuals, families, organizations. Love can move the world. It doesn’t matter how much is going on in the world that doesn’t look like love, we’re here to be that and take a stand for that and take a stand for something. That’s what happening each day. We’re being steered like that.

Their lyrics are wonderful. “Love can move the world. I’ve got a lot to give. Look around you. There is someone hurting near you. There is something you can do. Look within you. Find your spirit. To change the world, there’s got to be a change in you. Love can cause the wars to cease, move the world to peace. It’s the only thing. People wake up to who they are. Come love the world with me.” It’s like God saying that to me and to everyone, that line—those two lines in particular of that song. “Love can move the world,” and “Come love the world with me.” You want to come love the world with me? I think you do.

You and I have come into this world and we’ve been given the gift of life. It truly is a gift. If push came to shove and if we were pushed to explain from a spiritual standpoint what it is, more than any other thing, that we have come here into this world to learn and to do and to be. If it came down to one word, you know what it is. It’s obvious. It’s love, really. Every Saint, mystic, seer, teacher, and prophet has really talked about love—love that binds us together as one. And in the business of life, it’s so easy to be moved away from that and forget. So we come together at times like this to just say, “Oh, yeah.” Wow, it feels good to ooze on back into the truth that love is what I am and love is what I’m called to be.

One of our ministers on our staff, Reverend Mindy Lawrence, her mother passed on this week. Our prayers and love go out to her and her family. I believe her mother was 89 years old. Many of our staff attended the funeral that took place yesterday. We were all touched by the love that existed in that family, in her family. Her mother had 11 children. They had planned to have four.

They were good Catholics. It was lovely to experience their whole family and the impact—this lady left a legacy of love. The beautiful thing was—I mean—imagine 11 children spread over 17 years. The beauty was that every one of them felt loved and felt the encouragement of that mother through the children to the grandchildren to the great-grandchildren. And those 11 children that were raised—if you can imagine each one having their own unique interests and talents and things that they were drawn to, whether it was sports or dance or piano or whatever, that mother found a way to be able to encourage them and get them there to further whatever that was. She was always encouraging them how wonderful they were and loving them. It was just a very powerful legacy of what love can do—that love can move the world, love can move family, love can move a person for sure.

Nothing can move an individual, a soul, like love can. There isn't anything that we take with us in this world—there are many things that we learn through our seeking to achieve and accomplish and so forth, and they all play a role in the sense that we're being drawn and called to do well. But also, in a particular way, we are being given the opportunity to apply the principles that we're learning spiritually as we go along that path—that journey towards achieving or accomplishing whatever. There is always the opportunity to dig deeper and to discover more of who we are in that journey. So in the end, it's what did we gain and what did we garner and how much love and how much life and how much joy and how much peace actually came pouring through us, not necessarily achievement. You don't take the achievement with you. As a soul you take with you what you experienced, what you left behind in terms of energies experienced with other people, what you left behind in helping people remember the truth of who they are because you were able to be that in a special moment. We're always called to rise to an occasion. We don't do it all the time. We're all human, we're all learning. This is never a time to beat ourselves up and condemn ourselves. In fact, that just sets you back. It's always about remembering. Even when we mess up, it's always about remembering. Love is what I am, and going and charging ahead again to take on a renewed commitment to being that which you are. All of us want to be loved. All of us want to be loved, but most importantly, we're here to discover that love is what we are, that love is our true nature. That is what we have come to learn. We've also come to unlearn—unlearn—everything that bumps up against the love that is trying to pour through us as our own true, divine nature. We have to wake up to that, and that requires conscious awareness. So we can say that heaven is to love, and hell is to hate. And hell is to be in conflict internally with the love that wants to be expressed and felt, but is somehow halted because there are other thoughts that say, "I can't," or "I'm holding onto this," or "There's something from my past. So it's hell to be able to bump up against the things that we have set in place that stop us from being the love that we are.

All quality of life goes out where there is no love or where it's shut down. There's this song—I think it was Tina Turner. *What's Love Got to do With It?* Tina, everything, everything. Everything in life is either love or a cry for love or a cry for help to bring me back to love. That's basically it. The quality of life shoots up in any soul that loves God, that has learned to love

themselves and has learned to be a clear vessel through which love is moving in this world. You can't help but feel uplift because, basically, those energies are so pure and clean and wonderful, that as they move through, you just feel connected with all people and you see with new eyes and you are a new person. So there are those things that obviously we're here to unlearn, also. And the things that we're here to unlearn is bias and prejudice and negative judgments and labeling people and condemning and thoughts of attack and words of attack and actions of attack, certainly. It's been said by those who are awakened and enlightened—and, actually, it's been stated also in A Course of Miracles, for those of you who have studied it—but it's the idea that we are really all one, and that anytime you attack another person in thought or word or in any way, you are attacking yourself. Essentially, whatever you deliver in thought and word you, basically, send them a copy and you keep the original. And, actually, the original gets bigger.

In scripture, the first four words of the bible are, "In the beginning, God—." We're told that later in the bible that God is love. I don't think anyone would argue with that. So we could say that in the beginning, love. In the beginning, God. In the beginning, love. Love created the heavens and earth. Love created all. Love created you and me. It's all a movement of love. You can go to the gospel of John and it states, "In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God." Well, the word, actually, is again synonymous with God and Love. You can substitute love for the word and you can substitute love for God. So to paraphrase that statement from the gospel of John, we could say, "In the beginning, was love. And love was with God and love was God."

Jesus told us, of course, wonderful teacher that he was that love is where it begins, love is where it ends, it's everything. The greatest Commandment, "Love Lord your God with all your heart, mind, and soul." It's so important. And to love your neighbor as yourself, because God lives in your neighbor. No matter how they're showing up, God lives there. It may be a seed that hasn't been birthed, hasn't bloomed and flowered yet, but God lives in the person. It got covered over perhaps with events and circumstances happening and pain and whatever. It's for you to know that.

The Apostle Paul, later, he says, "God did not give us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power and love and sound mind." That's the spirit that we've been given—a spirit of power and love and sound mind. He also states that, "No eye has seen nor ear heard nor the heart of man conceive what God has prepared for those who love him." I love that statement. There's that which is prepared for you. It's waiting for you if you truly step into the energies of love, if we say, "For those who love him." 'Him' is love. 'Him' is God. God is Love. I have not seen nor ear have not heard nor the heart of man conceived what God has prepared for those who love love—who love to love. That's what it comes down to.

So the voice of the Holy Spirit is always the voice of love. The voice of ego is always the voice of its opposite. It's the separation from love. It's taking you into fear. True love is unconditional

and the nature of God is that kind of love; it's unconditional. Nothing can keep God from loving you. You block it; you label yourself, you say, "I'm bad." Maybe you were taught to believe the heaviness of you being a sinner. We all make mistakes, but we're not the mistake. We're more than a mistake. That's something that is important. Most of us are wired for conditional love. Most of us have been programmed for conditional love. Unconditional love is something that means that it is free. Unconditional means no payback is required. There's nobody that's taking measurements or keeping score or an accounting, none of that. It means that it is clean and it is pure and it's clear of past conditioning and past hurts and grudges and violations. God programmed us for love when we were created. And the world has programmed us, to a certain extent, for conditional love. God programmed us for unconditional, we got programmed in the world, if we allowed it, to become conditional, and now we have to reprogram ourselves, in a sense.

There's a wonderful computer analogy I'd like to share with you. I know some of you are computer buffs, and you might enjoy this. It's a cute piece of writing about programming the computer of our mind for love. It's a phone conversation between a customer and a computer technician. It goes like this:

The tech support person says, "Yes, Ma'am. Can I help you?" The customer says, "Well, after much consideration, I've decided to install love. Can you help guide me through the process?"

"Yes, I can help. Are you ready to proceed?"

"Well, I'm not very technical, but I think I'm ready. What do I do first?"

"The first step is to open your heart. Have you located your heart, Ma'am?"

"Yes, but there are several other programs running now. Is it okay to install love while they're running?"

"Well, what programs are running, Ma'am?"

"Well, let's see, I have past hurt, low self-esteem, grudge and resentment. These are all running right now."

"No problem. Love will gradually erase the past hurt from your current operating system. It may remain in your permanent memory, but it will no longer disrupt other programs. Love will eventually override low self-esteem with a module of its own called high self-esteem. However, you have to completely turn off grudge and resentment. These programs prevent love from being properly installed. Can you turn these off, Ma'am?"

“I don’t know how to turn them off. Can you tell me how?”

“With pleasure. Go to your start menu and invoke forgiveness. Do this as many times as necessary until grudge and resentment have completely erased.”

“Okay, done. Love has started installing itself. Is that normal?”

“Yes, but remember that you have only the base program. You need to begin connecting to other hearts in order to get the upgrades.”

“Oops! I have an error message already. It says, ‘Error. Program not run on external components.’ What should I do?”

“Don’t worry, Ma’am. It means that the love program is set up to run on internal hearts, but has not yet run on your heart. In nontechnical terms, it simply means you have to love yourself before you can love others.”

“So what should I do?”

“Well, you can pull down self-acceptance and then click on the following files: Forgive Self, Realize Your Worth, Acknowledge Your Limitations.”

“Okay, done.”

“Now copy them to the My Heart directory. The system will override any conflicting files, begin patching faulty programming. Also, you need to delete Verbose Self-Criticism from all directories and empty your recycle bin to make sure it is completely gone and never comes back.”

“Got it. Hey, my heart is filling up with new files. Smile is playing on my monitor. Peace and Contentment are copying themselves all over my heart. Is this normal?”

“Sometimes. For others it takes a while, but eventually everything gets it at the proper time. So love is installed and running. One more thing before we hang up. Love is freeware. Be sure to give it and its various modules to everyone you meet. They will in turn share it with others and return some cool modules back to you.”

“I promise to do that.”

Click. Nice story. I really don’t want you to have to think of yourself as a computer. I’d much rather have you know the truth—that you are a spiritual being and you have a heart that is

waiting to vibrate in the frequency of the divine and to attune itself with that. So look within you, find your spirit. Love can move the world. Come love the world with me.

Jesus was an example of one who was saying and teaching, “Come love the world with me. Do as I do, not just as I say.” There’s a great story in the Gospel of Luke, which is chapter 8, actually. There was a Pharisee that invited him over to his house for dinner—Pharisee. And some woman who was not highly thought of and was labeled a sinner heard where he was going to be having dinner and went over there to meet Jesus. It says that she was weeping when she approached him there at the home of the Pharisee and that she wet his feet with the tears that she had and dried his feet with the hair from her head. Then she kissed his feet and anointed them with ointment. And when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself in his own mind, “If this man were a prophet, he would have known what sort of woman this is who is touching him—a sinner.” And Jesus, it says in the passage, knew his thoughts and said, “Come here. I want to talk to you.” This is a come-to-Jesus talk. He shared a brief parable and he said, “Let me tell you. There’s a creditor who had two debtors. One owed him a little, and one owed him a lot. And this creditor forgave both. Who do you think loves him more?” The Pharisee said, “Probably the one who was forgiven the most.” And Jesus turned toward the woman and said to the Pharisee, “You see this woman? I entered your house, and you gave me no water to wash my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and has wiped them with her hair. You gave me no kiss upon entering, and she has not yet ceased to kiss my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you that her sins, which may be many, are forgiven for she loves much. She loves much, she has loved much.” The point is, we want to love much. We are called to love much. There isn’t anything that can keep us from a whole new start, a new beginning, a new life, discovering who we are. At any point in time, once we return back to remembering who we are and just choose to move forward with love, all the past programming somehow is erased. It’s a powerful thing.

There are a lot of silly reasons why people choose not to love, and some of them are projections from our own issues that we haven’t healed and resolved. I still remember Andy Pettitte. Andy Pettitte is a pitcher for the Yankees, now. He was in Houston for a 2- or 3-year contract to pitch for the Astros. He helped get us to the World Series. We didn’t win the World Series, but he was a class-A person, just a wonderful individual. The fans loved him. Anyway, after his contract was up, he was offered a lucrative contract to go back to the Yankees; that’s where he had come from. And I remember driving down the highway and listening to a sports call-in talk show around the time that Andy was leaving. I couldn’t believe how many calls were so attack-oriented and so mean. “Good riddance to him.” “He can’t get out of town fast enough.” Yes, there were other people that were beyond that, but many of the calls were that way. The truth is, they didn’t understand that this was all their stuff—that they took personally his leaving that essentially triggered feelings in them that had to do with rejection, that had to do with not loving themselves, that essentially by him choosing to go back to the Yankees he was saying, “Oh, he doesn’t love the Astros. Oh, he doesn’t love Houston.” That translated to, “Oh, he doesn’t love

me. I don't like that. I don't like how that feels. I'm going to attack that." A lot of people don't make those connections as to how they are being, shutting down love when it actually has to do with just the pain inside themselves. Again, it is another cry for love or a cry for help to bring and be brought back to love.

If we can remember in those moments, "Why am I feeling what I'm feeling? Why am I going on the attack at all here? Is it because I just really want love?" The fact of the matter is we have to get to the place where we're not at the mercy of having to get it outside ourselves. We have to get to the place where we know that love is what we are, because the more you give it the more it's going to come pouring back in." It starts there; you have to first love yourself.

Another quick sports story—there was a guy that was a golfer in Argentina that won a tournament. He won \$58,000.00. He had a great celebration, went out to his parking lot after, was getting into his car, and a lady came up to him disheveled and said, "Are you willing to share a portion of your winnings? I have a daughter that's very, very sick and she needs surgery. I don't have the money to do that." He just took a moment and looked at this woman and pulled the check out and signed the whole check over to her, \$58,000.00. This was in Argentina some years back. A week later, he came to the same club. Apparently, it was his home club. Some people gathered around him, and one of the officials that worked there said, "We heard about what you did for that lady. It was very nice of you, but I hate to tell you it was a scam. The woman has no sick baby, and there was no requirement for surgery." And he turned and looked at that person and the others that were gathered around and he said, "There's no sick baby? There's no baby that needs surgery? That's the best news I've heard all week!" All right? You see? Instead of, "She's a liar. She's a cheat. Instead of labeling her, he took the place, "Thank God there's one less child suffering in this world." That's all I need to know.

See, love can move the world. Love can move the world, and I really believe that the spirit in all of us is asking us, "Would you come love the world with me?" Would you come love the world with me? You're here to love. Love is what really matters. Love is what can make a difference in your life, your family, your organization, anyone you touch. Love can move the world. Come love the world with me. God bless you.