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## Because God loves you, He Provides- Part 166

Did you know that God loves you more than anyone else could ever love you?

God proves His love to you by **His** <u>steadfast</u> love. Lam. 3:22-23, "The <u>steadfast</u> love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness."

The Hebrew word for *steadfast* is *chacad* which means *kind*, *compassionate*, *devoted* and *unchanging love*. When we try to quantify the love of God, we always fall short because His love is deeper than anything we could even try to imagine or explain. His word continually gives us pictures of His love and tells us how awesome His love is. Jeremiah wrote in this passage that God's love is steadfast. It never wavers, wains, or loses its power. This is very unlike the kind of love that we tend to give or experience from others. Our love is very easily diminished by our feelings or boosted by our thoughts.

Love is not a feeling, it is a decision of the heart. I can tell you that for every couple that has come to me for pre-marital counseling, I make sure they understand that you are not always going to feel like loving someone. In fact, sometimes it is almost the opposite. We have mixed in the different "kinds of love" with what true love is. I'm so glad that God doesn't love us based on how we act or how we perform. He just loves us, period. That's end of story. When He tells you that He loves you, you can believe it. You can stand on it. You can trust it. His love is steadfast and will always be; *it never ceases!* 

Dear Father, thank You that we can always count on You loving us. You are so faithful and loving in all Your ways. We never have to wonder if we are loved. In Jesus Name, Amen