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In Genesis 15, the Word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision. God confirms His promise once again to Abram and seals it with a covenant. According to **Genesis 15: 12-18**, Abram was over taken by a deep sleep when the sun went down and as we read we see that God Himself passed between the pieces of the cut animals in the form of a smoking furnace and a burning lamp. This covenant God made with Abram was unconditional. God said, "I will do it." If we keep reading in Genesis, we will see (although the covenant was unconditional) the provisions of the covenant were conditional. Abram had to enter in by faith, to receive the provisions of this contract from God. Abram believed God and it was counted to him as righteousness. (**Genesis 15:6**) Now James said that faith without works is dead that is of no value. This word works means obedience. Obedience to what

God has said. Faith and obedience are inseparable. Like a coin that has a front and back, faith and obedience go together. Separate the front from the back on a coin and it has no value and it is the same with faith and obedience. Divide the two and each is of no value by itself. Sometimes obedience to faith will bring you to a hard place. God told Abraham to take Isaac to Mount Moriah and offer him as a sacrifice on the altar. This man of faith is brought into a hard place by his obedience to faith. If Abraham is going to receive the provisions of the covenant, he has to go through this hard place. All through the bible, men and women of God were brought to a hard place because of obedience to faith. Are you in a hard place in your life? How did you get to this place? Did you start in the will of God and have you been walking in faith and obedience and now it has brought you to this extremely hard place? Don't stop! God has not changed His mind.

You are still in the will of God. The Holy Ghost brings all of heaven to the table and we must bring humility, brokenness, faith, obedience, confession of faith, love for God, the church and the sinner. Let's look at Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. **John 3:34** tells us, Christ had the Spirit without measure. **John 4:34** said Christ's meat was to do the will of the Father. Look at Christ; He had the Spirit without measure, always doing the will of God. His life and ministry were powerful, fulfilling and successful. He raised the dead, healed the sick, fed the multitudes, and calmed the storms, cast out devils with His Word, on and on and on. He walked in total faith and obedience to the will of God and Father. Then we come to that night in the garden of

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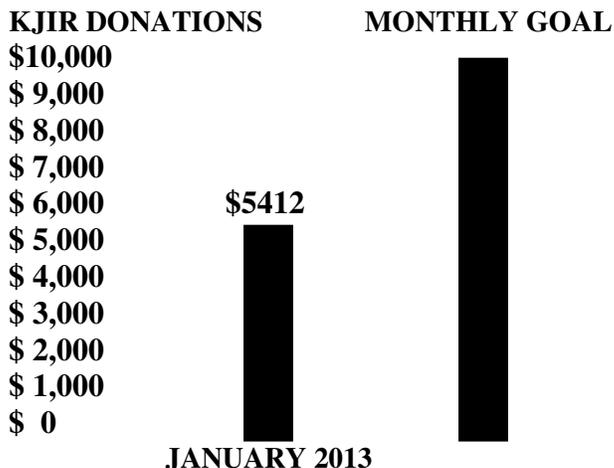
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Gethsemane (a place of crushing the seed). What brought Him to this place? Love, faith and obedience to that faith. He is in a hard place. **Mark 14:36** gives us the prayer Jesus prayed on that night. Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt. Here it is; everything is wrapped up in this one moment of time in His life. The choice is laid at His feet, what will Christ do? If He gives His life multitudes will be swept into the Kingdom of God and if not, all He did in His life will not matter. Praise God; He gave His life that we may live. Now what about you and I in this hard place; this garden of Gethsemane? The choice is laid at our feet; what will we do? Love, faith and obedience to the Word of God has brought us here. If we choose the will of God, revival is on the other side; lives will be touched. If not, then all that you and I have done will have been in vain. With God's help, we will choose the will of God today and tomorrow.

May the Lord give you strength to walk in His will for your life!

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In Christ,
Pastor Ken Geisendorfer



What Is Love?

What is love?

No words can define it,
It's something so great
Only God could design it...
Wonder of wonders,
Beyond man's conception,
And only in God
Can love find true perfection,
For love is enduring
And patient and kind,
It judges all things
With the heart not the mind,
And love can transform
The most commonplace
Into beauty and splendor
And sweetness and grace...
For love is unselfish,
Giving more than it takes,
And no matter what happens
Love never forsakes,
It's faithful and trusting
And always believing,
Guileless and honest
And never deceiving...
Yes, love is beyond
What man is immortal
And God's gift is divine!

Words from the wise.....

There is no place where we can love our friends more than at the throne of grace. No other exercise so fully melts away the differences of Christians and brings their hearts together in unity as prayer. There is no remedy for the divisions of Christianity but to come closer to the Father, and then we shall be in touch with each other.

A.B Simpson