

Whitney Houston

The Greatest Love of All
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I grew up studying Whitney Houston's voice, her talent, and her stage presence.

My Mom even changed some of the lyrics to her songs so I could sing them in church and in school performances.

"The Greatest Love of All" was one of my favorites to sing. However, when I belted out the powerful words to the song, my motivation was based on my beliefs. I am convinced the greatest love we will ever know was demonstrated when God sent His only Son into the world to create a way for us to be in a relationship with Him. Think about it, some of us refuse to allow our children to walk down the street without supervision because we fear the unknown and we want our children to remain safe. God has only one Son but He loved us greatly and deeply. He sent His one Son into this world as a sacrifice. His demonstration of great love erased the effects of my sin and yours. If he had left us in our sin we would all feel like our feet were stuck in quick sand. We would be bound by the consequences of bad decision after bad decision. We would surely sink into and drown in the situations created by our depraved

I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness.

Jeremiah 31:3

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society. Now with this mind, what are you doing to demonstrate great love? Are you helping people who are less fortunate than yourself? Are you giving money to an organization that serves people who really need help? Are you reaching out to your neighbors? Are you actively searching for people around you who could really use your area of expertise? Are you willing to forgive someone who has wronged you? Don't feel like your contribution is too small or insignificant. Whatever it is, the world needs it.

Read these lyrics I wrote for a song entitled, "Everlasting Love":

This is love
You gave everything for me
This is love
So I could live free
What kind of love
Would sacrifice for me
This Everlasting love covers me

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The love our Heavenly Father has for us is The Greatest Love of All. His great sacrifice has changed my life. I have to respond by turning to someone else, finding out their need, and doing my best to meet that need. How will you respond to The Greatest Love of All?

Read I John 4:9-11

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