





## An Ocean of Love

**“The Lord has appeared of old to me, saying: ‘Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.’”  
Jeremiah 31:3**

**H**ave you ever gone for a walk beside a rushing, mountain stream? Maybe you live in a place where there are many such streams not too far from where you live. Or if you don’t, maybe you’ve been able to visit a place that has them. It can be so peaceful and relaxing to watch the water flowing by and to hear the water rushing over the rocks.

Now let’s think of an even smaller stream. This kind of stream is so small that it’s not any trouble to cross it without a bridge. In fact, in order to cross it, all you would need to do is to take one big step from one side of the stream to the other. That would be a very small stream, wouldn’t it?

We are going to use this very small stream to help us understand something about God’s

love. First, think about all the love that all people who have ever lived have showed each other. Think about all the parents who have loved their children, and children who have loved their parents. Think about all the husbands and wives who have loved each other. Think about grandparents and grandchildren. Think about all the other people who have loved each other. Of course many people have not been loving, but still, don’t you think that’s a lot of love? It really is.

Now let’s imagine that all this human love that has ever been shown is like that very small stream that you can easily cross with one step. Then what would God’s love be like? How big would it be? A large stream? A very large river? No, those aren’t nearly big enough. It would be like a great ocean!<sup>1</sup>

Our earth’s biggest ocean is the Pacific Ocean, and it is so big that crossing it from Brisbane in Australia to Vancouver in British Columbia in a large passenger jet airplane takes over 13 hours!

God’s love really is far more than we can ever begin to comprehend. And how amazing it is that He loves each one of us!

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