

## **Now Is the Time, Love Is the Message!**

**Acts 16:16-34**

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I was cleaning out a drawer and I found a heart necklace that my mother gave me when I was fourteen, and the feeling of love rushed through me; so I knew that God had a lesson for me to learn.

God uses our everyday things to help us get closer to Him. The lesson was basically on gifts. God said to me, “If you feel so much love from a gift of jewelry, how much more love can you receive from Me? My gifts are free, but sometimes you must look for them and then stop and feel the greatest rush of love you will ever receive.”

I accepted the gift of a heart from my mother and I was thankful and joyful. That is what God wants us to feel when we receive His gifts. In order to have those feelings we must get to know the person and we get to know that person by spending time with them. We do that by listening to them and it is in our case reading and hearing God’s words. The more we know of God the greater trust, love and faith we will have in Him. I trusted my mother’s love, and I had faith in her. I want us all to have trust, love and faith in God. We have to unwrap the gifts that God has given to us. What we have to do is to take time to listen and write down God’s words. These are the gifts that God has given to all of us.

His gifts are hope, grace, peace, and most of all love. He has given all of us these gifts. They are ours and no one can take them away from us.

I leave you with 1John 4:16, “And we know and believe the love God cherishes for us. God is love and He who dwells and continues in love, dwells and continues in God, and God dwells and continues in us.”

Now let’s all go and have a love-filled day because there is no greater gift in all the world than the gift of a loving heart.

Happy Mother’s Day and may God bless each and everyone of you.