

# The Path to Divine Partnership

## Love Of God

- **John 17:23**

I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

- **1 John 3:1**

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!

- **1 John 4:9-10**

In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

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## Love For God

- **Romans 5:5b**

the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

- **Psalm 18:1**

I will love You, O LORD, my strength.

- **Mark 12:30**

And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment.

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## Divine Partnership

- **John 5:19-20**

Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. <sup>20</sup>For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.

***Prior to these verses, Jesus healed one man at a pool that had "a great multitude of sick people" around (John 5:1-8).***

***Here, Jesus' friendship with the Father 'enabled' Him to see what the Father was doing at that place and time.***

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## Divine Friendship

- **Exodus 33:11a**

So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.

- **James 2:23**

Abraham...was called the friend of God

- **John 5:20a**

For the Father loves the Son...

*["loves" –Greek, φιλεω / phileo: "to be a friend to; to be fond of; to kiss"]*

**1 Corinthians 3:9**  
*For we are God's fellow workers*

**For us to become partners with God in power ministry, we need to become friends of God. This will happen as we respond to His love for us with love for Him, evidenced by spending time with Him and drawing close to Him in whatever way He leads us. He longs to be with us and use us!**