

## LOVE THAT IS COMPLETE AND GIVING

Love oan oreate. Love oan nourish.

He walked into his home office. Sitting on the desk was something he would never have expected – a tin of "water paint pencils.

Examining the shiny object, he called, "Hey love, what's with the pencils?"

There was a carefree, no-big-deal reply from the kitchen, "Oh, I was shopping, and I remembered a couple of weeks ago, you mentioned thinking about how you might like attend an art class. I saw the pencils and thought you might like them."

"That is so like her", he thought, "She sees an opportunity to show love and, without fanfare, does it."

That love is unique. It is given freely and joyfully, with the sole aim of giving and pleasing. It asks nothing in return.



God's love is like that, only more so. He gives his love, and all he asks in return is to accept it, use it and talk to him about it.

As a demonstration of his love, God sent his Son to walk this earth and eventually die on the cross to reconnect us to God and his love. Jesus, a humble man walking, talking, showing care, pointing to his Father's love for humanity, you and me.

The gift of watercolour pencils and all their shades of colour would be useless if I left them in their tin. I would never experience the possibility of blending the colours, creating something with the given gift.

God's love is like that; He gives it, and it is up to you what you do with it. Leave it to sit on the shelf or open it up and enjoy his love's different colours. You may never have enjoyed living in the colours of his love. Simply talk to him, ask for his help to trust him. Who knows what life-changing masterpieces you may create together?

