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One woman wrote on a Valentine's Day website:-

*"I am 'engaged' to an awesome guy whom I love with all my heart. We have been struggling financially and I knew he couldn't buy me anything. I kept telling him I didn't want a fancy gift, that he could make me something which I'd like a lot more. Or just do something to show me he loves me.*

*He never got my hints. I never got flowers, got a card, never anything, even before I was with him. Guess I am just not special enough."*

Are we special enough to be loved all the time? No matter how hard we try, there's usually something about us that is hard to love. Is there anyone who loves us all the time, no matter what we've done, no matter how we feel?

Yes. His name is Jesus.

He doesn't fall out of love with us. He doesn't need hints to show us his love. He doesn't love us based on conditions. He just loves us. Full stop. His love is God's love, one and the same.

Jesus is not naïve, he doesn't wear rose-coloured glasses and he doesn't pretend we're perfect. He knows what we're really like. And he knows that, without him, we are heading for the unspeakable pain of being separated from God for ever.

The Bible tells us that God's love existed before anyone ever loved him back. This love is pure and unselfish - true love that led to God's own Son, Jesus, coming to take the punishment that we deserved by dying in our place on the cross.

He did it so that we could be with him – because he loves every one of us. And you, loved one, can receive his love, whatever condition you're in.

**Prayer:** Dear Jesus, Thank you for showing your love for me by dying in my place. Thank you for loving me unconditionally and wanting me to be with you always. Amen.