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IT'S NOT COMPLICATED

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—1 John 4:10

"I love you like I love strawberry milkshakes...I love you like pigs love pies."

A quote out of a children's book can take very deep root in a 6-year-old's heart as it did in mine. The concept of loving someone as much as a milkshake? Wow!

"Is that possible? What does that even mean? What kind of love could this be?" I wondered.

Every night after my favorite book, *I Love You, Good Night*, had been read, my dad would kiss my head, turn out the lights, and I would lie awake mulling over those powerful words until I had exhausted every option of what that kind of love truly meant.

"And what about pigs?" I wondered. "Do pigs eat pies? Do they really like them? Do they love them? If pigs love pies and my dad says he loves me more, that's a lot, right?"

It's funny what our human brains can or can't comprehend no matter how simple the statement. And still to this day I sometimes struggle with the complete realization of love! What it is. *Who* it is.

First John 4:10 says, "This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins."

To this day I often still feel like a 6-year-old girl, lying in bed daydreaming of my Father's love for me. *He loved me first? Before I ever loved him?* Still a childlike wonder mystifies me as I experience revelation after revelation of my Heavenly Daddy's love. It's so simple, and yet I so frequently complicate the simple! He loves me! That's it.

I so often feel the urge to share the love of Christ that I have experienced with others around me. But I find myself, instead, discounting opportunities to speak a word of encouragement to someone. There are times when I shy away from mentioning how the Lord has touched me, not because I am ashamed, but rather because I feel I may not have a significant or elaborate enough way of expressing my true experience of him!

It's silly how the Lord often speaks to us in pictures and parables as if speaking to a small child, and yet we take what he says and complicate it! If only we could

always take him at his word...He loves us! More than strawberry milkshakes, more than pigs love pies, Jesus Christ loves us!

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A PRAYER FOR TODAY

Lord Jesus, thank you that before time began you dreamt of me. You loved me before I ever loved you. Help me take you at your word like a child. I pray for more revelation of your love for me. Help me to receive it so that I may be able to share it with others. Thank you that it's simple. Thank you for loving me. Amen.