Loving and supporting others

(A lesson from the life of the Cancer Soldier)

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"Remember me when you go to Humboldt State, that God never left my side and how amazing it feels to be loved by Him." – Moises Ruiz 6/14/2013

The Cancer Soldier mentioned many times how overwhelmed he felt by God's love. It was this love that reassured him everything would be alright when his life turned upside down.

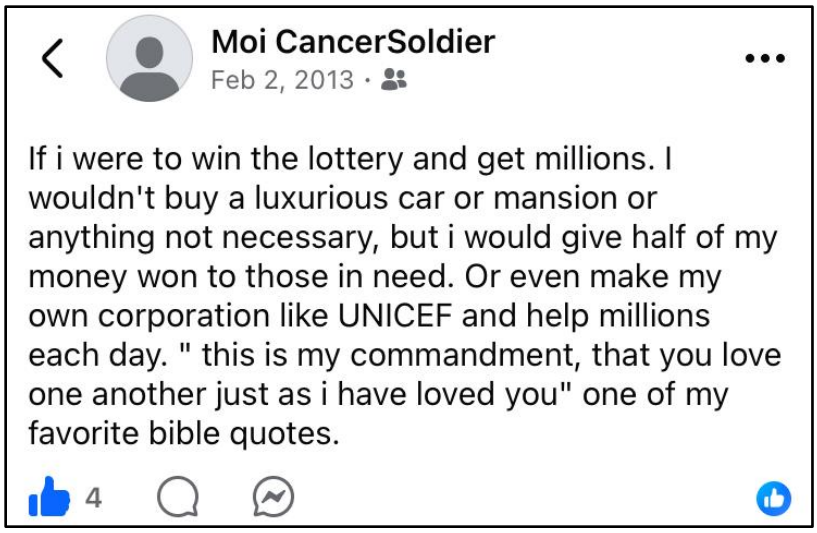
"Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. 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." 1 John 4:7-10 (NLT)

It may be easy to love our close family and friends, but true love is sacrificial. Many married folk and parents understand this. Love is denying yourself and putting the interest of others before yours. Love is helping others when your flesh may be too lazy to help. Love is going to the hospital to visit a friend in poor health. Love is spending your hard-earned money on your children who depend on you, or donating to a local ministry that helps the homeless/veterans etc.

Moises mentioned many times how grateful he was for the love and support from all his family and friends. When we love and show genuine concern for the well-being of others, it makes a huge difference in their lives!

Let's not underestimate the impact of being loving, forgiving and supportive. It is possible to change someone's life and help them up during tough times when we practice this.

The best model example of being loving and supportive is Jesus. (Matthew 11:28-29) We can learn a lot on how to support and love others from the ministry of Christ.



Certainly, Moises wanted to share the love and compassion he felt from God to anyone, even those he doesn't know! He wanted to help and support cancer patients around the world, give toys and necessities to poor children.

Some practical examples we can learn from Moises are: message or visit those who need that emotional support and let them know you really care (pray with them too). Donate either food or money to the needy/poor. Be a good example to people in your everyday life. Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. (Matthew 7:12)

The world can be full of evil and hate, but by being loving and caring, we can make a difference little by little. We must remind ourselves, and others who feel down, that God loves us very much. So much so that Jesus laid down his life for us so we could be cleansed of our sins and go to heaven (when we put our faith in him). (John 15:11-13)

For those who are struggling in finding love and support, seek God who will comfort you and also guide you to loving friendships/relationships. Like Moises always said: You are not alone, God loves you and be sure to reach out to loving family members or friends.

"We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person? Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions. 1 John 3:16-18 (NLT)