ABIDE IN GOD'S LOVE,

we depend less and less on the approval of others to guide us.

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The Love of God

Our Heavenly Father loves us profoundly and perfectly. ...

Jesus Christ shares with the Father this same perfect love....

This divine love should give us abundant comfort and confidence as we pray to the Father in the name of Christ....

... Some are wont to say, "The Savior loves me just as I am," and that is certainly true. But He cannot take any of us into His kingdom just as we are, "for no unclean thing can dwell there, or dwell in his presence" [Moses 6:57]....

... After making it clear that He cannot excuse or wink at sin, the Lord assures us:

"Nevertheless, he that repents and does the commandments of the Lord shall be forgiven" [Doctrine and Covenants 1:32]....

... Ours is not a religion of rationalization nor a religion of perfectionism but a religion of redemption—redemption through Jesus Christ....

I have long been impressed by, and have also felt, the yearning love of the prophets of God in their warnings against sin. They are not motivated by a desire to condemn. Their true desire mirrors the love of God; in fact, it *is* the love of God....

In acknowledging that God loves us perfectly, we each might ask, "How well do I love God? Can He rely on my love as I rely on His?"...

I bear witness of the reality of our Heavenly Father and our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, and of Their constant, undying love.

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