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Dear Friends,

On February 14th, thousands of people across the country will celebrate the day of love known as Valentine's Day. It's one of the biggest days for florist, card companies, candy companies. At the same time there will also be thousands who will not be celebrating this day of love. *WHY?*

Confucius once said: *Happiness does not consist in having what you want, but in wanting what you have.*

Many people today are in the process of trying to overcome one of the greatest lacks and loneliness in their lives—the lack of love. The feeling of loneliness is one of the greatest challenges of human experience. And what is loneliness?

It's not the same as being alone. Many people live alone, it is a choice they have made for a number of reasons, over the course of my lifetime I have. It's psychological in nature. However, one must be careful in the pursuit of being alone. Why? Because over time and without warning, being alone can result in a "state of mind" that will create a feeling of loneliness.

Sometimes the feeling of loneliness has an underlying activity going on within us. It's a deficiency of spirit. We have all these emotions for a reason. They are there to help us overcome, if we are willing to listen and ask, "What has this to do with me, God?" Many times the emotions we feel are indicators that we need to pay attention to something that is going on in our lives. The deficiency shows up as a feeling separation, that we would never be able to connect again with another human being or have a personal relationship.

In UNITY we talk a lot about the Law and the Law being Principle, the Law being God. UNITY teaches that: God is the all-providing law, the spiritual substance out of which is made everything we will ever need. Divine law is the orderly working out of the principles of Being, or the divine ideals, into expression and manifestation throughout creation. We always have the power to choose how the Law will work in our lives. Understanding this we can see that the law is Love At Work.

I would like to invite you to join me in a little exercise using your divine gift of imagination:

I want you visualize yourself in a hallway. Now at the end of the hallway there is a door and you are walking toward that door. You open the door and go inside. The room has a chair in the middle of the floor. Now close the door and walk over to the chair and sit down. As you look around the room the light bulb hanging over your head suddenly goes out. You reach to pull the chain to turn it on. Nothing, no light, the bulb is burned out. You sigh that it is the will of God that you no longer have light, because the electric light bulb has burned out. You sigh and think, "It is the will of God that I should suffer the rest of my life in darkness with humility and grace." Then as your eyes adjust to the darkness of the room you see a little bit of light coming through the crack between the floor and the door to the hallway. You remember that you do not have to stay here in the darkness, so you get up and go the door. You open the door and re-enter the lighted hallway.

People the world over have found themselves in these rooms of fear, pain, poverty, shame and even disgrace. How many of you have entered these rooms in your life?

We seldom stop to realize that in a moment we can begin to change it. We make a choice to seek God, and the love that God is, the love that is the light of truth born to every person! As in our exercise, we came from the lighted hallway and we can always return to it.

God is love at work, and love is God at work. And when we are working with love, we are working with God. We forget to often that we are a creature designed to love, we all want to love and be loved. We forget that we are created in the image and likeness of God, who is love. And therefore, love is and must be our very nature.

So during the love month of February I give you this insight from Lydia M. Child to think about: "The cure for all ills and wrongs, the cares, the sorrows, and the crimes of humanity, all lie in that one word "love."

Love is the divine vitality that produces and restores life. To each and every one of us, it gives the power of working miracles if we will allow Love At Work.