BECAUSE FATHER LOVES ME

Because Father loves me, He is slow to lose patience with me, even when I fail.

Because Father loves me, He takes the circumstances of my life and uses them in a constructive way for my growth.

Because Father loves me, He does not treat me as an object to be possessed and manipulated.

Because Father loves me, He has no need to impress me with how great and powerful He is because He is God nor does He belittle me as His child in order to show me how important He is.

Because Father loves me, He is for me. He wants to see me mature and develop in His love.

- Because Father loves me He does not send down His wrath on every little mistake I make of which there are many. Though He is grieved, Father does not reject me or turn His back on me when I sin.
- Because Father loves me, He does not keep score of all my sins and then beat me over the head with them whenever He gets the chance.
- Because Father loves me, He is deeply grieved when I do not walk in the ways that please Him because He sees this as evidence that I don't trust and love Him as much as I could.
- Because Father loves me, He rejoices when I experience His power and strength, and stand up under the pressures of life for His name's sake.
- Because Father loves me, He keeps on working patiently with me even when I feel like giving up and can't see why He doesn't give up on me too.

Because Father loves me, He keeps trusting me when at times I don't even trust myself.

Because Father loves me, He never says, "There is no hope for you." Rather, He patiently works with me, loves me, and disciplines me in such a way that it is hard for me to understand the depth of His concern for me.

Because Father loves me, He never forsakes me even though my friends might.

Because Father loves me, He stands with me when I have reached the rock bottom of despair, when I see the real me and compare that with His righteousness, holiness, beauty and love. It is at a moment like this that I can really believe that God loves me.

Because Father loves me, He sent His Son to die in my place that I may live in His house forever.

Because Father loves me, He is pleased and delighted when I respond to Him with love, trust, and obedience.

All the Fatherly affection of God's heart is directed towards me!