

Beautiful Stories of Love

Stories reflecting the depth of love and commitment to it always pierce our hearts; in large part because we love and want to be loved.

Consider this one ...

In 1994, a young boy was dropped from a high-rise project building in Chicago. After the boy's death, a counselor began working with his younger brother. It was learned that the little boy raced down the stairs immediately after his brother was dropped.

The counselor asked him what he was thinking while descending the stairs. The loving little brother said he hoped to catch his brother before he hit the ground.

An impossible task, yet a beautiful expression of love. Irrational love does not first determine whether or not a particular expression of love is practical, logical or possible. It simply conveys its affection wholeheartedly.

And this story ...

Joan Mills enjoyed a bedtime ritual with her little boy. They each compared how much they loved each other.

She said, "I wouldn't trade you for all the boys in the world."

Then he creatively compared his love for her by saying, "I wouldn't trade you for 40 motorcycles," or "I wouldn't trade you for Aunt Judi's pool if it were filled with cash and I was swimming in it."

Joan said one comparison stood out above all others. One time, little Andy said, "I love you with all the pieces of my heart."

Does your heart ever feel like it's in pieces? Maybe it has been broken by disappointment, or torn by decisions, priorities and tasks.

Little Andy was right; our hearts are made of many different pieces. The question is, how many of those pieces will be devoted to loving God and others?

Jesus told a group of Pharisees ...

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind
(Matthew 22:37 NIV).

– Beecher Hunter