

***** Heavenly Father *****

In the beginning you made me and formed me to be your son; yet in my blindness I erred and wandered from you, and was lost, alone, and empty -- and I knew you not! Again, in your love you came and found me and set me once more in your house - and I was loved - yet part of me was still alone.

You looked upon me with compassion and said, *“It is not good for man to be alone.”* So, you reached within me and brought forth this woman, My Love; bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh. You formed her not of my head that she might be over me, nor of my foot that she might be under me, but from beneath my arm that she might walk beside me and I might love and care for her as my own body.

For this reason -- to you Father and to you My Love — I do covenant between us, that as our God and our Lord Jesus might be first with each of us, that you, My Love, might be next with me in all things. I do therefore leave father and mother and cleave to you, my Wife, that in the eyes of God and man we might become one flesh. In this I seek to place you above all other things; above blood family, above Christian family, above our children, above our friends, above job and above all other worldly affairs.

To this end My Love, our Lord Jesus has brought us together, that we might become one flesh — no longer two, but one. I seek before Him and you for the grace I will need to fulfill this great privilege He has bestowed upon me — to give of my life each day for you as He has done for us, His Bride. I ask Him now to guide me as I seek to learn to love you in the unselfish way He has loved each of us, that I might strengthen, nourish, cherish, and build you up in Him, to the end that we both may stand before Him in splendor.

As it is true that our Lord has appointed me as head of our family, I call not only upon His grace and guidance, but also upon your love and guidance, that this headship may be one of loving service and not one of tyranny. Jesus is our head over all, yet He is the Greatest Servant. May I learn this same headship.

As we grow together My Love, I know I will stumble and I will take the wrong fork in the road now and then -- I will perhaps sometimes even seem harsh and unfair. However, I pray to Jesus now that in all things I may act out of a heart of love and obedience to Him, and a heart of love and care toward you. **LOVE ME, MY LOVE !** Help me up when I stumble, strengthen me when I am weak, help me when I err, comfort me when I am weary, understand me when I am irritable, share your wisdom and understanding with me when the Way is not clear.

Together, with His help, and a love that seeks for the good of the other over oneself, I know He will guide us into a love that will grow richer and more perfect toward Him and toward each other with each of the remaining days He has set before us.