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**“A Loving Parent”**  
**(Revelation 7:9-17)**

A god mother is such a powerful example of God’s \_\_\_\_\_.

Through Jesus’ death and resurrection, God left us a powerful symbol of \_\_\_\_\_; *“You will be alright and I will come back for you.”*

There are \_\_\_\_\_ only God can lift. There are \_\_\_\_\_ that only God can put to rest.

**#1. – Life is sometimes very, very \_\_\_\_\_.**

The writer of Revelation knew about \_\_\_\_\_.

Sometimes all we can do is pray and \_\_\_\_\_ and offer a word of \_\_\_\_\_.

In our time of need God also comes to us with his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, if we will accept it.

*“God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”* Notice how \_\_\_\_\_ and intimate that word picture is.

God came in \_\_\_\_\_ form, to share our pain.

He is our great \_\_\_\_\_ because he knows our weakness and our \_\_\_\_\_.

**#2. – God’s very \_\_\_\_\_ love is being expressed toward a very special group of believers.**

These are those whose robes have been \_\_\_\_\_ in the blood of the Lamb.

Many of us have a \_\_\_\_\_ kind of faith that says, *“Everything’s all right. Jesus loves me...”*

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The God revealed to John on the Isle of Patmos is no dispenser of what Bonhoeffer called “\_\_\_\_\_.”

The love and concern that God gives to each of his children has been \_\_\_\_\_ at a terrible price. It’s not to be trampled on or taken for \_\_\_\_\_!

Love is never a \_\_\_\_\_!

In order to experience that love we must be \_\_\_\_\_ to him and doing our part to \_\_\_\_\_ the relationship.

**#3. – If God has ever \_\_\_\_\_ the tears from your eyes, shouldn’t you be finding someone else who is \_\_\_\_\_ and do the same thing for them?**

God’s love is a very intimate, \_\_\_\_\_ love. But love is a \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ street.

Love, at its best is not only between us and God, but it is also to be \_\_\_\_\_ -- particularly with others who also have tears in their eyes.

Which land are you living?

The land of “What If” where you feel \_\_\_\_\_ be despair and hopelessness.

Or the land of “What Is” where you find your \_\_\_\_\_ and hope in the God who promises to *“wipe away every tear...”*

Through Jesus Christ, God offers you love and \_\_\_\_\_ now, and unshakeable \_\_\_\_\_ for the future!

**Believe and accept that today!**