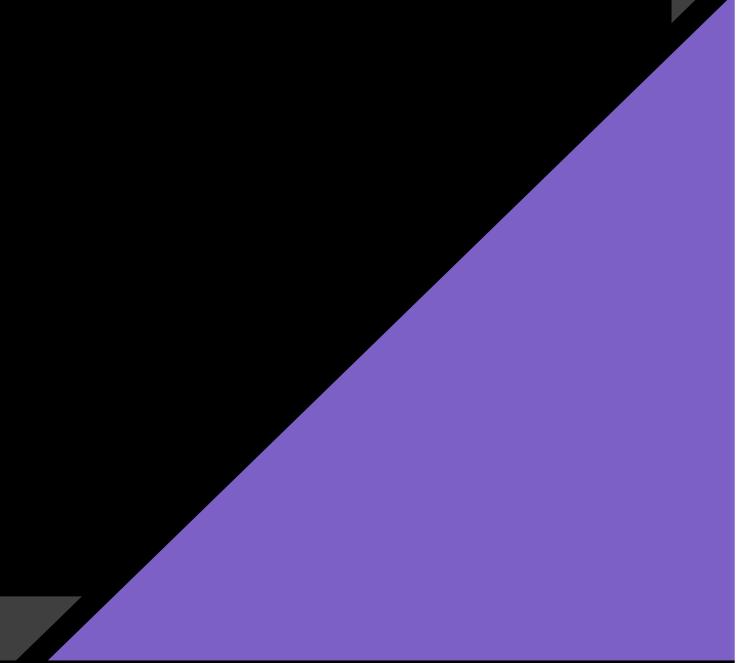


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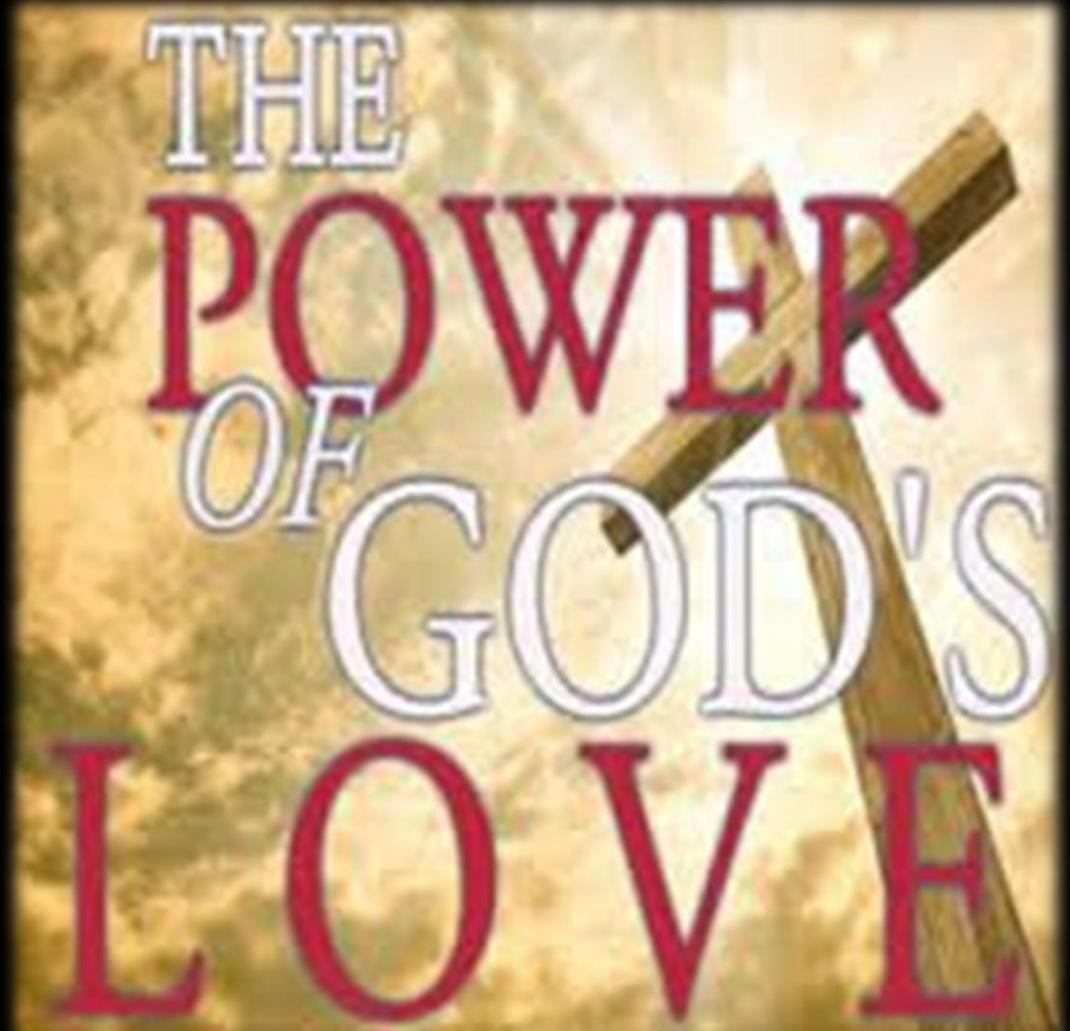


Your Love Lifted Me Higher & Higher

- The song was written by Gary Jackson, Raynard Miner & Carl Smith.
- It gained massive popularity through Jackie Wilson's 1967 version.
- Jackie Wilson, was a Detroit-born R&B pioneer, influencing artists like Michael Jackson.
- The track's joyful rhythm & lyrics about love's elevating force were inspired by everyday romance but resonate deeply with biblical themes of redemption & upliftment.

Your Love Lifted Me Higher & Higher

*Your love, liftin' me higher
Than I've ever been lifted before
So keep it up, quench my desire
And I'll be at your side forevermore*



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The Power of God's Love

- The idea of love lifting one higher reflects God's ability to elevate believers from earthly struggles to spiritual heights, as seen in His deliverance from pits of despair.

2 He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. (Psalm 40:2 ESV)

The Power of God's Love

- Being lifted beyond previous experiences mirrors the renewal of strength through waiting on the Lord, enabling one to soar like eagles.

*31 but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.
(Isaiah 40:31 ESV)*

The Power of God's Love

- Quenching desire through sustained love parallels God's promise to satisfy the thirsty soul with living water.

14 “but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” (John 4:14 ESV)

The Power of God's Love

- Eternal companionship in the lyrics echoes God's covenantal faithfulness, where He vows never to leave or forsake His people.

5 Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” (Hebrews 13:5 ESV)

The Power of God's Love

- The transformative power of love aligns with the biblical concept of being raised to new life in Jesus, freeing us from the law of sin & death.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. (Romans 8:2 ESV)

Your Love Lifted Me Higher & Higher

*Now once, I was downhearted
Disappointment was my closest friend
But then you came, and it soon departed
And you know he never showed his face again*

From Despair to Redemption:

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- Overcoming downheartedness through love's arrival mirrors God's intervention in times of sorrow, turning mourning into dancing.

*11 You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with
gladness, (Psalm 30:11 ESV)*

From Despair to Redemption

- Disappointment as a "closest friend" departing reflects the biblical truth that God's comfort replaces worldly afflictions.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.
(2 Corinthians 1:3-4 ESV)

From Despair to Redemption

- The permanent departure of negativity symbolizes victory over enemies through Jesus, who disarms principalities.

*15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.
(Colossians 2:15 ESV)*

From Despair to Redemption

- Love's coming as a turning point aligns with the redemptive story of salvation, where light dispels darkness.

5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1:5 ESV)

From Despair to Redemption

- Never showing its face again echoes the promise of no more tears or pain in God's eternal kingdom.
- 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” (Revelation 21:4 ESV)*

Your Love Lifted Me Higher & Higher

I'm so glad I finally found you

Yes, that one in a million girl

And now with my lovin' arms around you

Honey, I can stand up and face the world

The
JOY
of
Salvation



The Joy of Salvation

- Gladness in finding true love mirrors the joy of discovering God's salvation, likened to finding a pearl of great price.

46 who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. (Matthew 13:46 ESV)

The Joy of Salvation

- "One in a million" rarity highlights God's unique, electing love that chooses us out of the world.

*19 If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.
(John 15:19 ESV)*

The Joy of Salvation

- Loving arms around you represent divine embrace, as God gathers His people like a shepherd.

11 He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

(Isaiah 40:11 ESV)

The Joy of Salvation

- Standing up to face the world echoes empowerment through Jesus, who strengthens us to do all things.

*13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.
(Philippians 4:13 ESV)*

- Honey-sweet affection parallels the sweetness of God's word, more desirable than honeycomb.

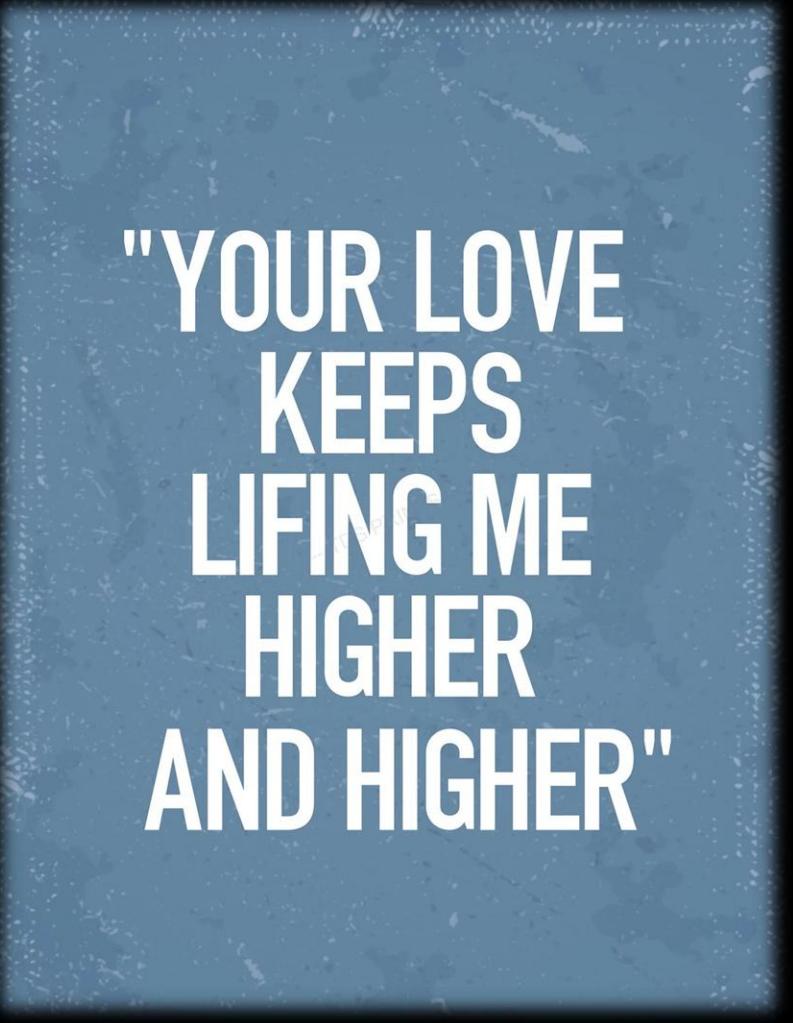
10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. (Psalm 19:10 ESV)

Practical Applications

- Encourage fellow residents with kind words & prayer.
- Start each day with gratitude – Acknowledge how God's love has sustained you.
- Lean on God during trials – Trust His promises when you feel low.
- Stay connected to God through prayer – Ask Him to continue lifting your spirit.
- Sing or listen to uplifting music – Worship helps us dwell in God's joy.

Discussion Questions

- How has God's love “lifted you higher” during difficult times in your life?
- How can you help lift others up at Windsor?
- In what ways do you feel God is satisfying your heart’s desires today?
- What promises of God encourage you most when you’re feeling low?
- How can we cultivate joy & thankfulness for God's love every day?



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