

Chapter 1 : 6 Secrets to Keep Him In Love With You Forever

"Tokens of His Love" This is a phrase that has come to mean a lot to me over the past several years. Here are just a couple of the things the Lord says about His love for us.

Share A young Victorian woman stands on a beach and stares out past the crashing waves, far out into the ocean, wondering where her sweetheart is now. She has no way to hear his voice saying he loves her. The only comfort she has is the coin in her hand. She runs her fingertips over his initials engraved on one side and forget-me-nots on the other, and she feels soothed. The imagery always shows the man going off in the ship and the Cupid in the trees, aiming his arrows. This early love token for Sarah Whalley was probably a memorial of her death. While love tokens can be found all over the world, they reached their height of popularity in the United States and Great Britain in the late s, at a time when the populations of both countries were eager to embrace sentimentality. By , nearly everyone in the United States had lost someone during the Civil War. More aware of mortality, Americans wanted to keep their loved ones close and express their feelings. Both have double flaming hearts, while the coin on the left has a handshake symbolizing a union. Photos by Nancy Rosin Of course, the tradition of love tokens had precedence. Starting in the late 16th century, the French would fashion 13 specially carved coins, still considered valid currency, to be given to a young couple at their wedding. These treizains, which evolved into modern-day marriage medals, would be blessed by the priest during the ceremony. Rosin has a few, and clasped hands and an arrow piercing two hearts were common motifs. In England, men would carry coins for good luck. To distinguish their charms from the rest of their pocket change, they would bend two edges of the coin in opposite directions on opposite sides. Courtesy of the Love Token Society Around the late s or early s, average folk in Britain figured out how to make their own designs on coins, with a technique known as pinpunching, which just required a sharp metal object, like a pin, and hammer, to pound out a series of dots. The first English coins that were actually engraved instead of pinpunched used the simple lines you see on scrimshaws, and these most often feature names and dates in honor of births, weddings, anniversaries, and deaths. This early love token features a sun engraved with scrimshaw technique on an English half penny. Courtesy of the Love Token Society Some of the most heart-rending early love tokens come from the late s, when men and more rarely women were convicted of serious and petty crimes by the British government and shipped off to penal colonies in Australia to return in seven years, or not at all. A lot of sentimental little sayings originated during that period. This is a modern stamped reproduction of a Victorian love token. So the men would put their coins to practical use: If a soldier lost a button, all he had to do was drill two holes in a coin. Others would have their personal information engraved on coins and then keep them as a dog tag. Some coins would also be engraved as a romantic gift for a woman waiting back home. He says that he was at a coin show and a Civil War love token caught his eye. It was pricey for a love token, but more affordable than a mint coin from the same era, because most serious coin collectors consider engraved coins damaged goods. I liked that one, probably because of my military background. At right, a type III gold dollar was engraved into a golden anniversary gift. Courtesy of the Love Token Society Gale explains that as chromolithography became more affordable and started to replace the letterpress in the late s, wood-type engravers turned to hand-engraving coins as a way to survive. By s, their elaborate, beautifully engraved love tokens became a full-on obsession for Victorians, in both the United Kingdom and the United States. The engraver had artistic leeway in designing what letters work better wide and narrow, and he would to mix it up a little, too. If she accepted and wore it, they were engaged. For that reason, love tokens would be made into jewelry, particularly pins, earrings, and bracelets. A mother might have a bar pin of multiple dimes soldered in a row, which she wore at her collar, or a bracelet made of linked dimes or a series of dimes attached to a metal band or a hinged bangle, each coin engraved with the initials of her husband and all their children. This silver hinged bangle features six love tokens with cut-out overlapping initials and two with engraved linear initials. They say silver was easy to engrave and affordable. A lot of the Victorian jewelry was smaller and dainty, so a dollar gold coin would be a pretty massive piece to wear. If it were a pendant, it could bang up and hit you pretty hard, and if it were a pin,

it could weigh down the dress. Courtesy of the Love Token Society In fact, love tokens on half cents and dollar gold coins are the most difficult to find—most collectors will never see one in their lifetimes. Rarer love tokens also have enameling, with black enamel symbolized mourning. Gale found an intriguing example of this, a bracelet belonging to Stephanie Bougere, the widow of Achille D. The bracelet features eight dimes with her initials and those of her seven children, all enameled in black. Bougere, and it features her initials, as well as those of her seven children, Horace P. The coins were enameled in black in mourning of her husband. Schoolgirls caught on to this trend and would plead with everyone they knew for an engraved dime. There could have been girls asking more than one boy, and also family members and friends. Courtesy of the Love Token Society Collectors of love tokens are always on the hunt for rare specimens. Similarly, collectors are fond of tokens engraved with images—which are far less common than initials, names, relations, or dates. Right, a three-cent silver coin was engraved with forget-me-nots and linked in a bracelet. Courtesy of the Love Token Society Birds are another motif you see on love tokens. Left, a landscape shows a lighthouse, house, and a boat on a three-cent silver coin, which is part of a love-token bracelet. Right, a boat sails off into the sunset. Courtesy of the Love Token Society Another theme you see on pictorial love tokens is the landscape. Perhaps it was just a popular design of the period, because there were a lot of Sunday painters who painted landscapes. And sometimes love tokens celebrated not-so-loving phenomena. If ever a homeless person wandered into this particular town, they were imprisoned in the chair for a day. They were wheeled down to the river, and they were given a bath in the river, and then they were wheeled around town to the jeers from people who were probably throwing rotten vegetables at them. As soon as they got out of the chair at sundown, which is when they were released, they ran for the border and told everyone they could to never go into Oakland. And we could research the history of the tramp chair, too, which is a rarer thing with love tokens. Bastable, Gale, and other members of the Love Token Society have speculated as to what brought down the trend. The value of silver, I suppose compared to gold, had decreased, or maybe the rich saw more lower and middle-class people wearing silver or silver-looking things. So gold became the popular metal to wear. This transitional Machine Age forget-me-not bracelet has round disks that resemble love tokens. Within a few short years, nearly every woman had someone—a son, a brother, a boyfriend, or a husband—serving in the war effort. Love tokens were just one small part of this broader trend. Code 18, which states: Engraving a love token on a coin is not fraudulent. Still, the love-token fad had already died out. She just wants jewelry from such-and-such a jewelry store. Women and girls would be given charms to honor milestones such as birthdays and anniversaries, or they would buy charms as souvenirs of trips. Mothers often had a charm for each of their children. Love tokens, meanwhile, faded into obscurity for nearly 70 years. Another genre of antique altered coins, hobo nickels, started getting attention in , when Del Romines published a book on their history. But later in the decade, a serious artist named Ron Landis took coin carving to the next level, making laborious, intricate hobo-nickel designs using a microscope and pins and needles. A modern-day hobo nickel by Ron Landis. Even today, love tokens are a niche genre and not the currency of romance. Now when someone passes away, most of what they owned is sold for money. But love tokens give people an opportunity to bring back the romance. For 30 years, I wore it every day. I feel that it brought me blessings: I have a wonderful husband, children, and grandchildren.

Chapter 2 : Lancer: Token of His Love

Tokens of His Love Webster's dictionary defines a token as an outward sign or expression; something given as a guarantee. Psalm reads:"Shew me a token for good; that they which hate me may see it, and be ashamed: because thou, Lord, hast holpen me, and comforted me".

Then, when he goes to return it, she gets angry at him because he got blood on it. This story was still early enough in the series that Kenshin had a strong tendency toward mild snarking; it also codified the Kaoru-lambasting-Kenshin thing. In Simoun , Amuria gives Neviril one of her hair clips when the two become a pair. Even though he gets himself killed, he comes back from the dead, because Lucien always returns borrowed money. In Fullmetal Alchemist , Winry gives Ed some earrings to look after. Princess Charlotte gives Griffith a token with explicitly romantic symbolism. Unfortunately he cuts that arm off during the Eclipse in a failed last ditch attempt to stop Casca being raped by a demon. Invoked twice by Sheryl Nome in Macross Frontier. The first time in episode 6 where she lends him one of her earrings for good luck unfortunately, he loses it during the ensuing battle. The second time happens before the desperate Final Battle against the ultimate Big Bad , where she gives him her remaining earring, going so far as to puts it in his ear herself. The way Cologne tells it, he stole it from her. The reader is more inclined to believe Cologne. The talisman contains some of her pubic hair. When Amuro asks Sayla, she initially refuses, but relents just before he launches for the final battle. Marie gives Alan a precious heirloom she inherited from her father before he leaves. Becomes a Tragic Keepsake when the stresses of the ensuing battle causes her to suffer a mental breakdown and regress to a childlike mental state. The anime of Kantai Collection has an example seemingly similar to the Mobile Suit Gundam example above: Her sister Takao whispers "It contains some of her This tradition started when Ariel gave a pressed flower bookmark to the first goblin, Gob Gob, which he was never able to return. That the story is yaoi only reinforces the trope. Played straight and gender flipped in the same moment in the Elemental Chess Trilogy. In a Kung Fu Panda fic The Vow , Lord Shen leaves days before his wedding for an unspecified affair a mass murder of pandas as the means to quell the prophecy of him being defeated by a "Warrior of Black and White". His bride Lady Lianne gives him a wedding gift in the form of an ornamental dagger that has red pictures of a phoenix and a dragon etched into it. Touched that his pacifistic beloved has went against her values that much for him, Shen vows to keep the blade till his last breath and promises to return for their wedding day. Near the ending, when Shen is defeated as per canon, he loses the blade, which is retrieved by the Soothsayer and delivered to Lianne. The sight of the wedding gift from which Shen vowed never to part functions as the ultimate proof to the heartbroken Lianne that her newlywed husband and the father of her unborn child is dead, but fortunately Shen returns to her the same night and remains in her life afterwards. Shaw appreciates the ramifications of this gesture more than the gesture itself. At the ball in Halamshiral , Victoria has a blue ribbon tied in her hair. A second example occurs later in the story, although nobody seems to be entirely sure if the trope is being played straight or not. Chiaki gives her iconic hairpin to Izuru in Extra Life when he leaves for Towa City, to work as a "protection charm" for his safe return. This is slightly different, as it was his sister and it was made explicit that he could never come home. Princess Fiona tries to do this in Shrek , but he uses it as a handkerchief to wipe the ash off his face and hands it back to her. Film - Live Action Leonidas is given a trinket before he goes off to battle. He dies before he can return. Dilios brings the trinket in question back to Gorgo at the end. He loses that particular round to the Big Bad , who picks up the favour and returns it to Jocelyn. In El Cid , Jimena gives her favour, a black scarf, to the Champion of Aragon to encourage him to kill Rodrigo Diaz, her love and the killer of her father. It is an understatement to say this girl is seriously conflicted. Anakin gives Padme a necklace he carved in The Phantom Menace as a kind of inversion. Arwen gives Aragorn her necklace in The Lord of the Rings. The Goodbye Girl , gender-flipped, with the man leaving something behind. He loses it after he gets hit by a grenade, but his comrades manage to recover it from the battlefield and give it to him before he is shipped to a hospital. Then he asks her to give him one last kiss, at least. Sorry, she promised her lips to the other guy as well. Another example from the Back Story. Petyr "Littlefinger" Baelish begged Catelyn Tully for her favour

a scarf with the sigil of her house embroidered onto it before setting off to duel for her hand in marriage, but she gave it to his opponent, Brandon Stark, instead because she regarded it as her duty to support the man to whom she was promised. Tales of Dunk and Egg. Miriamel gives Simon her shawl in Memory, Sorrow and Thorn. The book later reveals that the token is a Starjewel, pairs of which are traditionally exchanged by elven lovers upon parting, creating something of a psychic bond between them. Sturm, however, remains ignorant of its significance. Lady Loring is several inches taller than her husband, much heftier and harsh featured but as far as her loving hubby is concerned she is the most delicate and delectable creature on Earth. Joke about the size of her glove at your peril. The Chronicles of Prydain: In the second book, Adaon, son of the chief bard Taliesin, wears a magic brooch that was given to him by his betrothed, Arianlyn, before he set out to accompany the companions on their quest. He bequeaths it to Taran when he dies about halfway through the book. In the third book, Princess Eilonwy finds a slightly battered horn on the beach, which had once belonged to her family of which she is the last surviving member. As she is about to spend a lengthy period of time being fostered in a foreign court, she gives the horn to Taran as a symbol of their mutual promise not to forget each other. This goes back to medieval Chivalric Romance stories, in which a lady would give a favored knight a token such as a scarf to tie around his lance as a pennon when he joust. He had gone to the tree ahead of the gang to remove the blue ribbon. Carefully folded, it now lay over his heart. He was promising himself much comfort with that ribbon, when he would leave for the city next month to begin his studies and dream the summer over again. It would help to make things tangible. When he was dressed as other men, and at his work, he knew where he meant to home that precious bit of blue. It should be his good-luck token, and he would wear it always to keep bright in memory the day on which the Angel had called him her knight. Roque on coming up asked Sancho if his men had returned and restored to him the treasures and jewels they had stripped off Dapple. Sancho said they had, but that three kerchiefs that were worth three cities were missing. Suffice to say he is very stubborn. Later, Valerie formally gives him a Bowie knife instead. In the last days of the Third Reich, an Me interceptor squadron is visited by some strange and elegant guests – a couple of high-ranking pilots, and their wives, with unusually clean clothes and flying advanced fighter aircraft. One of the women sleeps with the protagonist, a teenaged fighter pilot, and when he shamefacedly admits to never having had sex before, she leaves the "virgin killer" her handkerchief in an evocation of this trope. Later it serves as a talisman that wards off magical attempts to seduce him. Since she considers a handkerchief to be somewhat useless for an adventure she gives him a dagger as her favor instead. It initially appears to be a gender inversion of this trope when Ser Loras Tyrell gives Sansa Stark a red rose before his joust, but it turns out to be an empty gesture. Lord Renly Baratheon is his true sweetheart, but Loras obviously cannot offer his favour to another man in a homophobic society, so he simply hands the rose to the young lady who happens to be seated the closest to Renly in the stands. Subverted in an episode of Hercules: A woman is seen giving a handkerchief to a man who must go slay some mythological beast. This is revealed by a shot of the cave littered with identical handkerchiefs, all given by the same woman to the slain men. In Power Rangers Mystic Force , this happens when Nick leaves to go introduce his biological parents to his adopted ones. Some portions of the fandom prefer to believe this never happened. Buffy the Vampire Slayer: Also appeared earlier in the first series episode "Excalibur", when one of the knights, Owain, is about to face the Black Knight in a fight to the death. Morgana gives him a token for luck. Owain ends up losing the fight. Arthur wore a sash around his arm in the melee in "The Shadow of the Sorcerer". An episode of The Muppet Show had Floyd and Gonzo re-enact the jousting scene from Camelot , with different music and other changes. Pearl Bailey was Guenivere. Floyd got a scarf from Janice and Gonzo got a scarf from Camilla. In the Star Trek: Bashir results in a charity match between the two, with Bashir as the heavy favorite. She then presents him with a silk scarf scented with her perfume, wraps the scarf around his head, kisses him and whispers, "Kick his butt. A later scene shows him laying out a photo of Lavinia in the trenches but pocketing the charm to take wherever he goes. Later, after he gets paralyzed, his mother finds the toy and offers to give it to charity, but he insists it would be bad luck to give it away. His fiancée is listening. Newspaper Comics Footrot Flats: While competing against the Murphys in an athletics meet, Wal asks Cheeky for a handkerchief to tie on the end of his pole vaulting pole. Not having a hanky, Cheeky sticks a box of tissues on the end of the

pole. The Warhammer jousting mini-game had a table that could be rolled on to determine what favor a knight was granted, the more intimate the garment the luckier it was. It also noted that modest young ladies attending jousts would often come prepared with several spare veils to pass out as favors without having to risk their modesty or catching a cold.

Chapter 3 : A Token Of His Love : freefolk

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The Love Token is a coin that has been smoothed flat on one or both sides and then hand engraved. Engravings are most commonly initials of the giver. Names and dates were also popular and perhaps most special and scarcer were sayings and pictures. Some love tokens were embellished even further with stones, enamel, added raised metal, or cutout designs within the coin. These coins were made as keepsakes and mementos from the giver to the recipient. The giver, important date, place, or event was intended to be remembered through the love token; a commissioned testimony and executed one of a kind special engraving. Note that it has a hole at the top and no border around the edge. Three initials are the most common love token engraving. There are two basic requirements for a love token: The engraving must be on a legitimate coin i. The engraving must be done by hand. Of course if a coin is engraved on both sides, it becomes more challenging to identify. The three cent nickel and the nickel pose a problem with no identifying marks on the rim. Also, a coin that has been cut down into another shape diamond, clover, etcâ€ loses its edge diagnostics. In these cases, it is up to the collector whether they want to accept it or not into their collection. Here are the letters "JG" or "GJ" depending on how you want to read them. It was engraved on the reverse of an dime. Two initials are a little harder to find. This one also has a border engraved around the edge. The more elaborate engraving and the border would make this love token more desirable than the plainer one JSG above. Also under challenge or interpretation is the coin of the realm notion. Medals and tokens that have been engraved and presented to the masses are clearly not love tokens. But what of a war medal that is hand engraved, one of a kind, and on a personal note? Is this any less of a love token if all the sentiments are there? Again, it is up to the collector whether they wish to accept it in their own collection. Although it is traditionally believed that these coins were given by a beau to a girl, they extended far beyond those traditional boundaries. They were also given by every imaginable family member as well as friends. A craze had sweep the country and school girls were begging and pleading for love tokens. Probably because the love token bracelet was the most popular form of love token jewelry and it took about eight to make a bracelet. Engravings were executed on practically all denominations of coins, but the Liberty Seated dime was the most popular denomination. There is some speculation as to the reasons. These silver coins were softer, thus easier to engrave than nickel and were a more precious gift than a nickel or the lowly copper cent. The United States also produced a half dime made from silver and some engraved on these, but it was a rather small size and perhaps challenging for the engraver to fit a pleasing design so small. The quarter too was popular but two and a half times as costly made it an alternative to those with a bigger purse. Remember, money was worth a lot more in those days. Gold coins were used occasionally. A one dollar gold coin was ten times the cost of a dime and was at best half the size of a dime. Although gold, it really did not look like much because of its small size. This is especially true of the type I gold dollars as the type II was a broader coin than its predecessor. Truly rare and exceedingly scarce is the twenty dollar gold coin love token. This would have only been commissioned by a very wealthy man but from a practicality standpoint; it would have been rather heavy to wear. Interestingly enough, a significant number of the copper and nickel coins that were engraved were also gold plated. A poor person might have used this denomination and then by gold plating them, made them look like their gold counterpoint coins. Whatever the host coin, the feelings and emotions were the same. Some could just afford to show their love more than others. People were quite sentimental in the Victorian age and love tokens are an enduring testament to those feelings. Here we see the name on a type II gold dollar. Note the top portion of a heart above and below the name. Note the hole on the top. This dime was probably worn on a piece of jewelry. Engraved on a L. Christmas on a L. Note the two holes indicating that it may have been on a bracelet at some time. How old are love tokens? Liberty seated dime with a building by the sea. Note the boat to the right. The color blue symbolized love. Bird perched on a branch. Note the same arched pattern as Lylia.

Chapter 4 : Topical Bible: Jewels: Tokens of Love

Taking account of these tokens of His love coincides, in a way, with checking on the various parts of the panoply of God. Conscientious accounting will help us to get a grasp of transcendent love; conscious checking will allow us to enjoy our celestial status even now, in this body of our humiliation.

There have been so many tokens and lessons through the years, but this morning I felt more inclined to write about my singleness. In my search of "Mr. Right" through the years I have found myself single for a really long time. I discovered some I know would become widows in their thirties or forties and I would be reminded of my relationship with God to be the only one without a good-bye forever. There are other people who do like me and love to have me around. Being single is far better than being in a miserable marriage. STOP Ran out of time, but wanted to add God told us we would have trouble in this world. I am reminded to ask myself, "What and how much do I want to deal with? I also discovered that in not having children of my own to read stories to at night and tuck into bed or bake cookies with and build snowmen on cold, winter days, that I am so thankful for the children in my class every year. We have baked banana bread and pizza. We always read lots of stories together. When snow arrives, we go out to the playground to develop our vocabulary and sequencing skills used in building snowmen. I have carried a hole in my heart for decades now which causes me to be more appreciative of the students I so enjoy. Hopefully, they know how much they are valued and loved. I reach out more now to people who have experienced the same. I always look forward to sharing meals with some very dear and lovely ladies I know whenever I can. Right" will still come along. All I know is I get to choose how I will live today. God is the one I come back to day after day.

Chapter 5 : What Are Love Tokens? | Love Token Society

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My husband loves me. I know this because he brings me coffee every morning. Over the years, I have come to equate this sweet gesture with love. It may simply be nothing more than a desire to keep me from going into caffeine withdrawals, which he would then have to deal with he comes home after a hard days work, but I prefer to think of it as a sign of his undying love and affection for me. There was this one day though. I awoke to an empty nightstand. No hot cup of coffee awaiting me. I kind of started to panic. I knew I had to get up and go check his pulse and stuff before the kids got out of bed, but I was in mourning and having a hard time extracting myself from the cocoon of covers I was snuggled up in. I was thinking about who to call first and what I would wear to the funeral. It was a really awful way to begin a new day. He was nowhere to be found. Obviously, he must have been kidnapped as he was pulling the motorcycle out of the garage. I went back into the empty kitchen and put on a pot of coffee while I tried to remember the number for , but then my phone dinged. It was a text. I wondered if the police texted people these days, maybe they found him already and were letting me know. I readied myself for whatever news awaited me and swiped the screen. The message was from him, or maybe his kidnappers, there was no way to know until I read it. Was in a rush this morning. Make you some coffee when I get home. Then I was relieved. Then I was pissed. How could he put me through all that turmoil? I was prepared to go identify his body! After a couple cups of coffee I realized how silly I was being and I was actually pretty jazzed about getting a bonus cup of coffee when he got home. That was the last time we stayed up late binging on Netflix. If you liked what you just read, like it, pin it, share it, tweet it, stumble it!

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During December there will be holiday get-togethers where small gifts are exchanged and bonus checks given out. For the merchandisers the symbol of Christmas is not a star, a manger, or even a tree, it is a cash register ringing another sell. Within reason there is nothing wrong with the giving of gifts at Christmas for the Bible declares the Ultimate Gift to be the reason for our celebration. He loved you because He decided to love you. Your worthiness had nothing to do with it. God had no beginning so His love had no beginning. There is so much that the Bible has to say about the love of God that I doubt anyone has ever come close to fully comprehending it. So I will simply begin by saying something that Theologian A. Still, by reaching toward the star the child may call attention to it and even indicate the direction one must look to see it. And so, I stretch my heart toward the high, shining love of God so that we may be encouraged to look up and have hope. If every other passage in the Bible were suddenly to disappear, John 3: This one verse describes for us I. I use that word to describe this verse because it conjures for me the image of the Rocky Mountains or the Alps of Switzerland. The picture of the earth from the orbiting space shuttle would also capture the same majesty for me. These few words form a A. Definitive Declaration for a world hungry for a loving affirmation of their intrinsic worth. The magnitude of these 22 words is not in their size or complexity, but the message they present to a world where love is so hard to find. The word so is a small but powerful word. We use that little word when we have difficulty detailing just how big something is. This verse describes the unlimited love of the most high God that has been lavished upon this lowdown world. It defines the boundaries of the unimpeachable love of the trustworthy God that is bestowed upon an unworthy world. It directs the holy love of the Most Holy God to be poured out upon the totally unholy world. It determines that the perfect love of the Pure and Righteous God is to be extended to an imperfect world. It decides that the pardoning love of a Merciful God will be offered to a condemned world. It dictates that the reclaiming love of the God of reconciliation is to be given to a degenerate world. It declares that the gracious love of the God of grace is directed to a world in disgrace. It is not difficult to love little babies or small children. Loving that person who is kind to you and courts your friendship is no problem at all. The Bible declares that every human being ever born came into this world as an enemy of God. We lined up on the opposite side, for we chose to sin. Sin makes us anything but lovely. Our sin makes us totally unattractive, vile, repulsive, and unlovely. When I think of how God loves us despite our repulsive ways I want to sing out with the hymn writer:

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As a sign or symbol of, as in He gave her a ring in token of his love, or In token of our esteem, we dedicate this hospital wing to Dr. Lurie. [Early s] [Early s] See also: of, token.

Click here to view Christ comforts his disciples. Upon the word troubled. Be not cast down and disquieted. Let your heart be kept with full trust in God. However others are overwhelmed with the sorrows of this present time, be not you so. Here is the remedy against this trouble of mind, "Believe. There are many mansions, for there are many sons to be brought to glory. Mansions are lasting dwellings. Christ will be the Finisher of that of which he is the Author or Beginner; if he have prepared the place for us, he will prepare us for it. He is the Truth, as fulfilling all the prophecies of a Saviour; believing which, sinners come by him the Way. He is the Life, by whose life-giving Spirit the dead in sin are quickened. By Christ, as the Way, our prayers go to God, and his blessings come to us; this is the Way that leads to rest, the good old Way. He is the Resurrection and the Life. All that saw Christ by faith, saw the Father in Him. We are to believe the revelation of God to man in Christ; for the works of the Redeemer show forth his own glory, and God in him. The word used here, signifies an advocate, counsellor, monitor, and comforter. He would abide with the disciples to the end of time; his gifts and graces would encourage their hearts. The expressions used here and elsewhere, plainly denote a person, and the office itself includes all the Divine perfections. The gift of the Holy Ghost is bestowed upon the disciples of Christ, and not on the world. This is the favour God bears to his chosen. As the source of holiness and happiness, the Holy Spirit will abide with every believer for ever. I will not leave you orphans, or fatherless, for though I leave you, yet I leave you this comfort, I will come to you. I will come speedily to you at my resurrection. I will come daily to you in my Spirit; in the tokens of his love, and visits of his grace. I will come certainly at the end of time. Those only that see Christ with an eye of faith, shall see him for ever: These mysteries will be fully known in heaven. It is a further act of grace, that they should know it, and have the comfort of it. And having them in our heads, we must keep them in our hearts and lives. The surest evidence of our love to Christ is, obedience to the laws of Christ. There are spiritual tokens of Christ and his love given to all believers. Where sincere love to Christ is in the heart, there will be obedience. Love will be a commanding, constraining principle; and where love is, duty follows from a principle of gratitude. God will not only love obedient believers, but he will take pleasure in loving them, will rest in love to them. He will be with them as his home. These privileges are confined to those whose faith worketh by love, and whose love to Jesus leads them to keep his commandments. To all the saints, the Spirit of grace is given to be a remembrancer, and to him, by faith and prayer, we should commit the keeping of what we hear and know. Peace is put for all good, and Christ has left us all that is really and truly good, all the promised good; peace of mind from our justification before God. This Christ calls his peace, for he is himself our Peace. The peace of God widely differs from that of Pharisees or hypocrites, as is shown by its humbling and holy effects. His time was now short, he therefore spake largely to them. When we come to be sick, and to die, we may not be capable of talking much to those about us; such good counsel as we have to give, let us give while in health. Observe the prospect Christ had of an approaching conflict, not only with men, but with the powers of darkness. Satan has something in us to perplex us with, for we have all sinned; but when he would disturb Christ, he found nothing sinful to help him. The best evidence of our love to the Father is, our doing as he has commanded us. Let us copy the example of his love and obedience. Commentary by Matthew Henry, Discussion for John

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The Love Token is a coin that has been smoothed flat on one or both sides and then hand engraved. Engravings are most commonly initials of the giver.

Designed by Benry Yip. As surely as God puts them into the furnace of affliction and trial, He will be with them in the furnace. I do not know that Abraham ever saw the Lord until, as a stranger in the plains of Mamre, He manifested Himself to His servant in the form of a traveler and His friends needing hospitality and refreshment. It is in our most desperate straits that we often have our most joyous Revelations. That being the case, we may use it in a threefold manner and view it, first, as an answer to many complaints. Sometimes they have inserted words which have really brought out the meaning more clearlyâ€”but, in this case, if I understand the passage, they have rather obscured the sense. The fact is, the first sentence is a complaint on the part of Israel. Talk of all the wonders that I worked in the days gone by, when I cut Rahab in pieces and wounded the dragonâ€”this is a greater wonder, that I have drawn you with loving kindness! Say not that the former times were better than these. Say not that the wonder-working power of God is exhausted. I loved you of old, but I also love you today and I have proved it by drawing you with the bands of My love. This is as great a miracle, as high a privilege and as sure a sign of My love to you as anything I did in the olden days. Indeed, some people think that although there were wonders in those ancient times, the oracle has long ceased to speak. Do you think that His arm is waxed short, or that His hands have become powerless, so that He is not now able to help His people as He did in the ages gone by? This is the complaint of many! Perhaps they do not put it into words, but this is what they often say in their heart. I have worked miracles for you as matchless as when I brought Israel up out of Egypt, or led the chosen nation through the wilderness into the land of Canaan. Did I bring them up out of Egypt? Have I not brought you up out of the dominion of sin? Did I break the power of Pharaoh? Have I not crushed the might of Satan? Did I divide the Red Sea for Israel to pass over? Have I not made a pathway for you, through many a tumultuous sea, so that you have gone over dry shod? Did I feed the people with manna in the wilderness and have I not fed youâ€”not with bread, alone, but also with the Words which have come forth out of My mouth? Did I cause Moses to lift up the bronze serpent, that they might be healed when they were bitten by the serpents? And have I not lifted up the Son of Man, that whoever looks unto Him may be cured of the serpent-bite of sin? Did I bring them into Canaan and give them rest? Did I drive out the Canaanite before them and give them possession of the land? And have I not driven out your sins and will I not, by My Spirit, purify and cleanse your whole life? Did I give them Prophets after my own heartâ€”and have I not given you shepherds who have fed you with knowledge and with understanding? Did I give them Solomon, a temple and riches and glory? And have I not promised to you Heaven and greater riches, glories and splendors than anything I ever gave to him when he ruled over Israel? But if you will weigh these two things in the balances of the sanctuary, you will at once see that the spiritual miracle is infinitely greater than the natural one. It is an easy thing to shut the mouths of ordinary lions, but it is a great deal more difficult to shut the mouth of the roaring lion of Hell who goes about seeking whom he may devour. It is a very simple matter for the Omnipotent God to make a worldâ€”He speaks and it is done! At the close of the six days work of Creation, God could say of everything that He had made, that it was very good. He has done as much for us as He ever did for our fathersâ€”so let us praise and bless His holy name, and laud and magnify His deeds of Grace! We, as a church, perhaps, are apt to think that we must not expect great things from God in these times. Why notâ€”I prayâ€”why not? Did not God give tongues of fire and send His Apostles forth to preach the Word to the people of every clime under Heaven? And is it not possible that from this time forth the Church of Christ may take great strides like a giant, instead of creeping like a snail? Is the Church of Christ always to be like a little stream in which you may see the pebbles lie? Let her be like Kishon, the mighty torrent that swept away the hosts of Sisera and Jabin, and let her carry off the legions of darkness into the depths of despair! Let God but arise in His might and wondrous works such as He did in the days of Huss, and Luther, and Calvin shall be done again! The thunder-claps of Whitefield and Wesley shall reverberate again! God can make all His ministers to be flames of fire if He so pleases. He can once more awaken His

Church, scatter all her foes before her and enrich her with the spoils of the holy war! We have not fallen upon evil days, Beloved. We may be feeble, but our God is not! The light may be dim just now, but the sun is not dim. What if the winds do not always blow with hurricane force? They are but slumbering for a while and will awake with all their known vigor and drive the chariots of the sky at resistless speed! What if the ocean should seem, just now, to be sleeping in its briny bed? God can speedily renew to you all the manifestations of His Presence! Ebbs shall be followed by floods, winters by summers, and our present indications of a state of death shall give place to signs and tokens of a glorious life! He cannot come and he will not come. Christ said to the murmuring Jews, "No man can come to Me, except the Father which has sent Me draw him. What a free-willer can make out of that text, I cannot tell. Never yet did a soul come to Christ till first Christ came to it. There are some who think that the Doctrine of Effectual Calling means that God forces men to repent and believe against their wills" a more absurd and unscriptural notion than that could hardly be mentioned! God does not drag men to Heaven by the hair of their heads! There is a wide difference between physical force and spiritual force. God does not save an unwilling man" He makes him willing in the day of His power. We may not be able to explain all about this great mystery, yet we may firmly believe" in full accordance with the laws which regulate human minds and, without at all violating the free agency of His creatures" that God knows how to persuade men! There is a sort of compulsion, you know, which one exercises by argument. The force of logic, or the spell of eloquence, we all acknowledge. In this way the understanding is overwhelmed. The understanding has been enlightened that acts upon the rest of the powers of the mind" and thus the man is influenced. We may even say compelled without any violation of the fact that he is free! And so the Holy Spirit enlightens the understanding by bringing the Truth of God to the mind and, through that Truth, leads the soul to see certain consequences that follow from it. Then the understanding, being enlightened, the soul, with full consent, comes to Christ. The Holy Spirit does what you and I cannot do, for He acts directly upon the will. We cannot do that except by physical force and, even then, the will is not really changed, for, if a man resolves that he will not do a certain thing but you afterwards compel him to do it, I question if his will is actually conquered. There is still the will, but I can hardly say that it is put into fetters, for it was in fetters before! But it is as changed and assimilated to the will of God that it is really free in its love of holiness. It seemed to be free before, but it was a slave to evil passions. Free-will is a slave, by nature, but when Christ comes and, as some would say, fetters it with the golden chains of love" then the will becomes free, indeed! Thus I have shown you how the Holy Spirit acts upon the will. He can also act upon the heart which is, perhaps, an even more important part of the man. When a man truly loves any objective, he is always willing to do anything in furtherance of that objective. So, though no soul ever comes to Christ without being drawn to Him, yet let it always be understood that such drawing is in perfect accordance with the laws which govern human minds and that the Spirit of God thus acts without, in the least degree, violating the freedom which God has given to men! The thunders of the Law, the terrors of judgment, the stings of conscience and the pangs of death are all employed for this purpose" but they are all tempered and softened by the loving kindness of the Lord! In every instance you will find that it is His loving kindness that gives the finishing stroke" even with those who are driven to Christ by that stern teacher, the Law. But a sense of blood bought-pardon soon dissolves a heart of stone. This time the door did not shake, but, strange to say, it opened and there, upon his knees, the once-unwilling host was found, waiting to welcome his Divine Guest! You have knocked in such a way that I can no longer resist You. I could not think of Your pierced hand leaving its bloody mark upon my door and then of Your going away homeless" Your head filled with dew and Your locks with the drops of the night. Come in, come in! What Moses could not do with his hammer, Christ does with His Cross. What Moses, with the two tablets of stone, could never do, Christ does with one touch of the finger of His mercy! This is the Doctrine of Effectual Calling as I see it in the text. Do you all understand it experimentally? Can each one of you say with Dr. If so, may He continue to draw you until, at last, He shall draw you from earth to Heaven and you shall sit down at the marriage supper of the Lamb, to go no more out forever! I also see in the text the Doctrine of Eternal Love. Why has the Lord drawn His people to Himself? There is nothing more, naturally, in that man than in any other man. Indeed, in many cases he is worse than others. If salvation had been the reward of merit, he would have been left out.

Chapter 9 : Tokens of His Love

"I can sleep with her, marry her, take care of her, but loveâ€”that's something else," said Tony, a married man in his late 40s. "Guys don't like to talk about love.

Either way, there are key things you need to be aware of to create and keep an amazing, fulfilling relationship. One of the most important things to bear in mind is that love is a verb. Not through your thoughts or feelings, but through what you do when it comes to the person you love. Knowing how to create the right environment for love to flourish will help you better cope when times get tough, as they inevitably will. It will strengthen you as a couple so you can weather any storm and tackle whatever obstacles come your way. Knowing them and making them a part of your lifestyle and mindset now will actually make you more emotionally ready for a good relationship and help you find the right person, too. Choose wisely Who you choose ultimately determines if your relationship will succeed or fail. He needs to share your values and your vision for the future. How well do you mesh? Do you get along well and enjoy each other? Do you respect one another? Can you argue when you disagree and reach a resolution, or do you tear each other down and always end up having the same argument over and over again? Essentially, how well do you work together as a team? Give him the space to move toward you. Be a woman in his corner To be in his corner means that he feels safe with you. You see the full himâ€”the man he is and the man he wants to beâ€”and you accept and appreciate all of it. You fully support him, admire him, and believe in him. Why Do Men Pull Away? People may experience love through physical touch, words of affirmation, acts of service, gift giving, or quality time. You may be doing the same thing to him. One way to figure out how to make him feel loved is to look at the ways he tries to show you love. How to Keep Him in Love If you experience love verbally, through compliments and hearing those three little words, you might be trying to show him you love him by telling him that you do, when giving him a special gift, no matter how small, is what will make him feel loved. Just pay attention to what lights him up. There are also plenty of quizzes online you can take to figure out what each of your love languages is, and this can be a fun way to transform your relationship. Have many sources of happiness To keep him in love with you, you need to keep being you. Maintain your friendships, keep up with your hobbies, have many sources of fulfillment. This keeps a relationship fresh and interesting because it keeps you interesting. How would you feel if he stopped doing the things he loved, spending time with his friends, and generally having a life outside of you? The best relationships are ones where two whole, happy people come togetherâ€”not two broken people leaning on one another in order to heal themselves. How to Keep a Man Madly in Love 6. Be your best self Make being your best self a habit. Being your best self means your best self physically and emotionally. You want to look and feel your best. Men are visual, so if you want to keep him captivated and keep the lust alive, then be an object of lust! Taking care of yourself physically also means committing to a healthy lifestyle. Work out, eat well, get enough sleep, just take overall good care of yourself. This will have benefits for both your physical appearance and your emotional well-being. Taking care of yourself emotionally means dealing with your issues. I hope after reading this article you know exactly how to keep a man in love with you forever. The next issue you need to be away of is at some point, your guy will ask himself: His answer will determine the fate of your relationship. Do you know what inspires a man to commit, and what makes a woman stand out from the rest in his eyes? If not, you need to read this right now: Choose someone compatible who has the same values and vision for the future as you. Be a woman in his corner: See the full himâ€”the man he is and the man he wants to beâ€”and accept and appreciate all of it. Support him, admire him, and believe in him. Love him the way he wants to be loved: Observe how he shows love for you and talk with him to learn what his love language is. Love him the way he experiences love instead of how you do. Have many sources of happiness: To keep him in love with you, you need to keep being you. Have a fun and fulfilling life outside of the relationship. Be your best self: Be your best self physically and emotionally. Be physically fit and healthy, and deal with your issues so you bring your best and happiest self into the relationship, making it one your guy wants to stay in. Is He Losing Interest?