

Love That Cannot Fail

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I have a friend named Emilia. She is like a daughter to my wife and me. When we first got to know each other it was at a meeting where God's Spirit was moving very powerfully in the prophetic arena. She has type one diabetes and prophetic words came forth about God's healing from this condition that was very strong and encouraging. Then what happens so often in such an atmosphere happened. Nothing! From a physical standpoint even though Emilia was encouraged months past and she still had all the symptoms.

Just the other day I was attending a youth meeting where she serves as a youth leader. While I was enjoying the worship the Lord began to speak to me concerning His provision for our healing. He said to me, "Do you love Emilia?" "Yes, Lord." "If you knew that you were going to die in three years and you had the ability to heal her by actually taking her disorder in your own body, would you do it?" I thought for a moment and replied, "Well, if I am going to die anyway—certainly." It was at that point I realized what God was saying to me. He said that is exactly what I did for you. I love you so much I took all your sickness, disease, sin and everything that separates us in my own body and then I killed it when I died.

As you can imagine, I was overwhelmed at the personal revelation of what I was seeing and hearing from God's Spirit. I am also diabetic. My type of diabetes is type two—adult onset diabetes. I was thinking to myself, "then why do Emilia and I still have all the symptoms?" Then Jesus said, "It is your love for me that the enemy is using against you unknowingly." Even though Jesus had done the deed or made the provision, I suddenly realized that I had to personally release or actually give to Him these conditions. I could no longer claim them as mine. Now how many of you would want to infect somebody you loved with a fatal disease? Not many of us and yet in reality that is what we must do. We must place into the body of our Savior all our sin and disease of spirit, soul and body, just as surely as if you injected Him with your disease infected blood.

My mind began to race at the thought of me carrying Emilia's diabetes. Could my physical body handle it in addition to all of the sickness I already carried? Then I began to see the incredible enormity of the man Christ Jesus who carried all the maladies of the human race in His own body on the tree. What a man, what a God! The thoughts running through my mind were overwhelming and immediately I sorrowfully and joyfully began to surrender the death that was in me to Jesus. Two things became apparent to me like never before. The first was just how much God loves us, loves me, loves each one of us personally. The second was how much I, deep down inside, love Him. So often the activity of life dulls our perceptions and we are not truly aware of how much we not only love Jesus, but are in love with Him. It is times like these that can change our lives forever. The Scripture is true; we love Him because He first loved us! Will you give everything to

Him? Not just what you consider a good or pleasing offering, but everything to Him? He alone can bear the full weight of our need. He alone can cross the barriers of time and take what ails you into a body He prepared to offer up on a cross at Calvary. Do not neglect so great a salvation!