

## Monday - March 23

*No one has ever seen God. If we love each other, God remains in us and his love is made perfect in us.  
1 John 4:12 (CEB)*

The local newspaper featured a story on the need for foster families. The words “If you have room in your heart and room in your home” spoke directly to me, asking our family to share love, safety and a nurturing environment with children who were at risk with their birth parents. We went through the process and became a licensed foster family.

Heartbreak was a part of being a foster parent. There was heartbreak at the circumstances that led to the children’s need for care and heartbreak at the loss we felt when children were able to return home. There was also great joy. I learned a lot about love. I saw the simplicity and unconditional love of young children for their parents. I learned to love parents who had put their children at risk. I experienced how easily the children who came into our home loved me and our family. I learned that love did not end when a child was no longer in our home. I learned that love is a choice.

I believe that God spoke to me in the printed words of the newspaper that day, made room in my heart and increased my capacity to both give and receive love.

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**Prayer:** Gracious God, forgive us our conditional ways of love and perfect in us Your way of love. Amen.