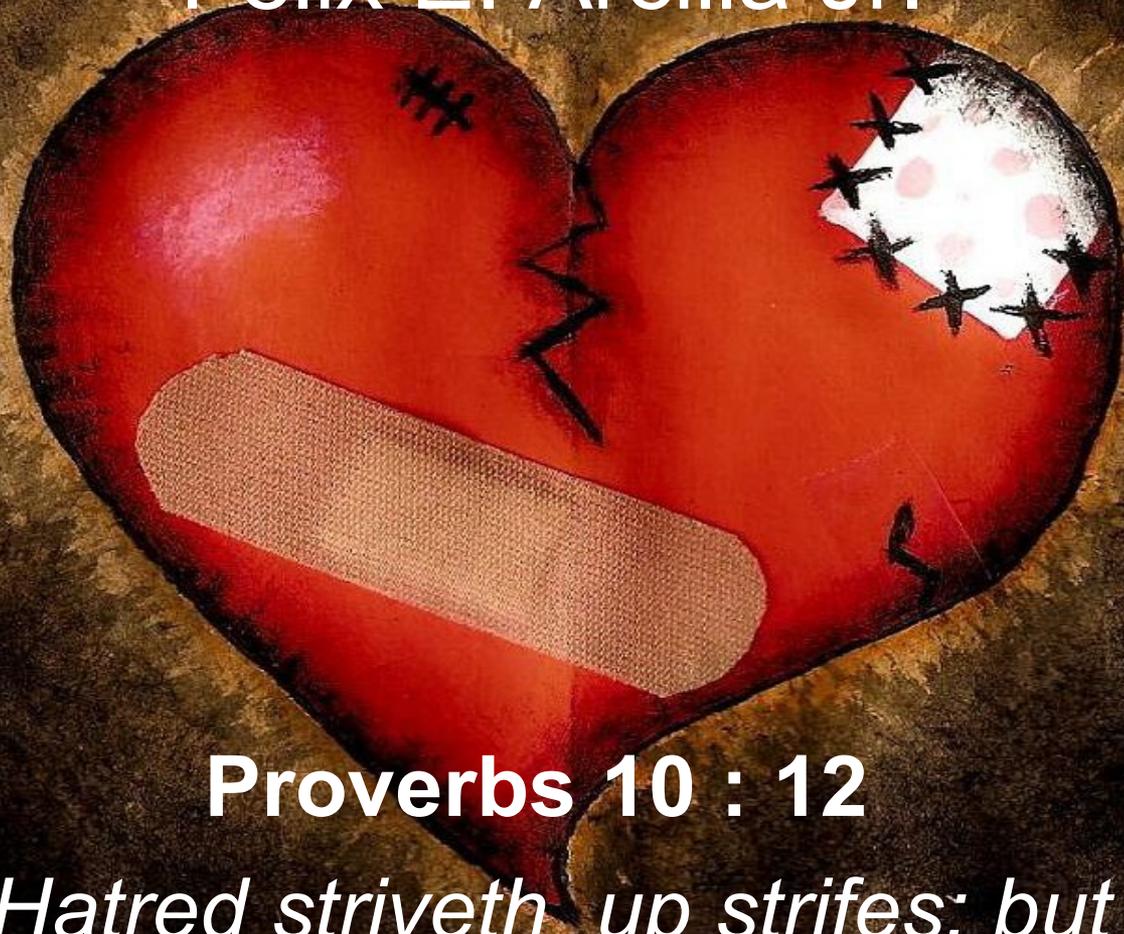


# Victims of Love

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**Proverbs 10 : 12**

*“Hatred striveth up strifes; but  
love covereth all sins.”*

# What does love mean?

‘love is a strong liking  
for a person or  
something’. (WD)

# A victim of love



# What does the world say about love?

- It's a feeling of affection for/ liking/ fondness
- It's a strong feeling of attraction

**a victim of love**



# Victims of love

Our hearts have been to battle

Our souls have been to war

We've lost the will to carry on , we don't  
believe no more

Oh why is it that we got it set

That this could never happen to us

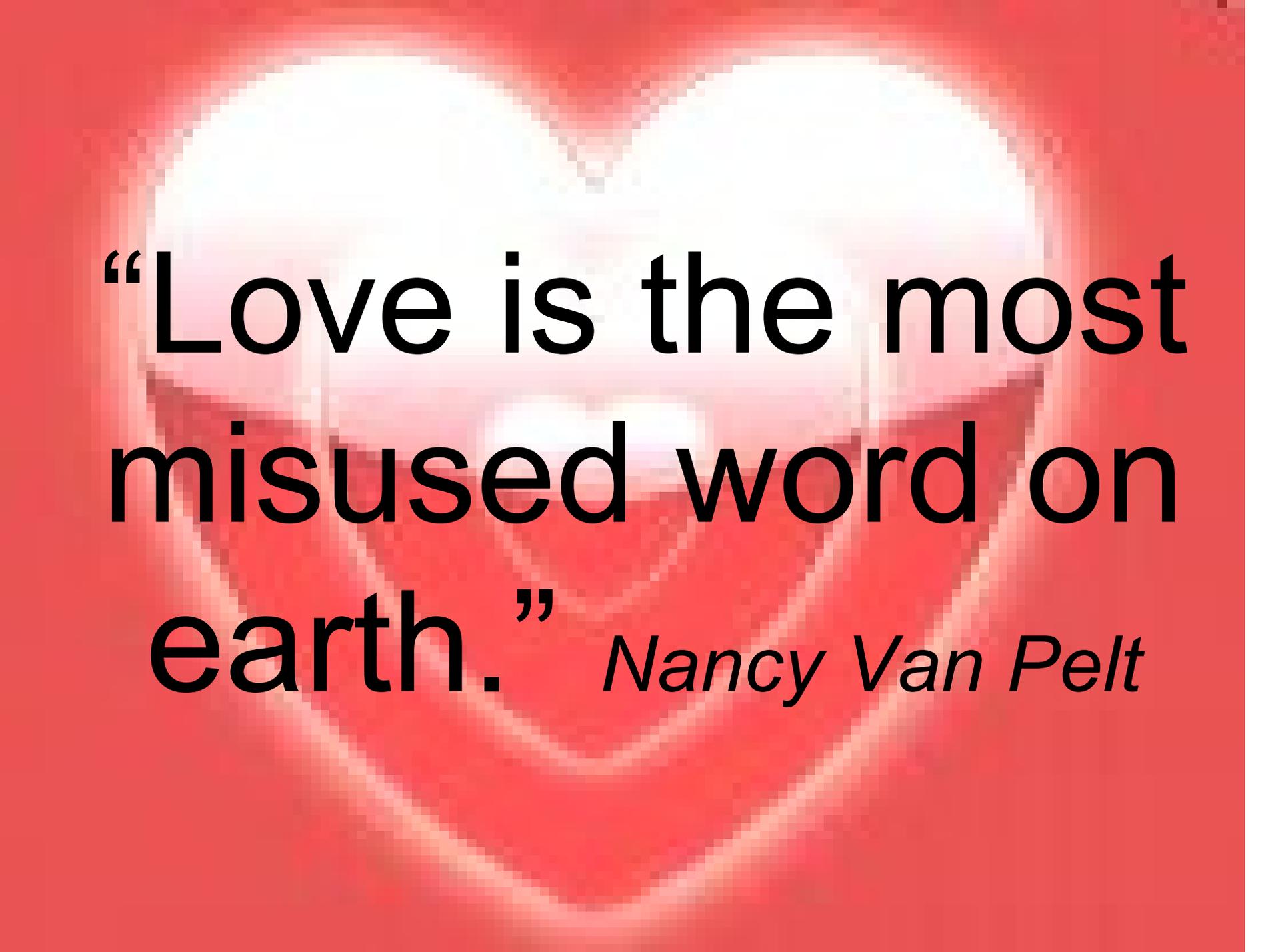
How could it be cause baby here we are

Victims of love are broken down  
unfair

So sad to see the debris  
Scattered everywhere

Victims of love , still cannot  
believe

We are the victims of love  
We cannot retreat



“Love is the most  
misused word on  
earth.” *Nancy Van Pelt*

# Are there also victims of love in the Bible?

- Adam was in love to his wife, he eats the prohibited fruit.
- During Noah's time, the people loved the earthly pleasures.

- Rebecca, mother of Jacob, loved Jacob more than Esau and she was left by her most loved son.
- Jacob loved so much Rachel and she was deceived by his father-in-law.
- Samson was a victim of love to a sexy woman, Delilah.

King Saul loved to remain in power so he attempted to kill David.

David had a strong liking to a wife of his General

King Solomon had a strong liking of gathering wives and wealth

- Jonah had a strong liking for the destruction of Neneveh. He was frustrated.
- Judas the worst one a victim of love of money. He sold Jesus and regretted much. He hung himself to die.

**II. – God's point of  
view about LOVE.**

What does the Bible say about love?

## Old Testament

God chose the Israelites  
as His special people because  
He loved them

(Deuteronomy 4:37, 10:15, Isaiah 43:1-4).

**Hear, O Israel: The LORD  
our God, the LORD is one.  
Love the LORD your God  
with all your heart and  
with all your soul and with  
all your strength.**

*(NIV, Deuteronomy 6:4-5)*

**Do not seek revenge or  
bear a grudge against  
one of your people, but  
love your neighbor as  
yourself. I am the  
LORD.**

*(NIV, Leviticus 19:18)*

What does the Bible say about love?

## **New Testament**

Two different Greek words are translated as "love" in the New Testament, and they have more specific meanings than our English word "love."

***Phileo* (verb).** This means to love in an impulsive and emotional way. It is seldom used in the Bible, but there is a play on words (*lost in English*) in *John 21:15-17*.

## ***Agapao* (verb) and *agape* (noun).**

This is the "Christian love" of the Bible. It means affection, benevolence, good-will, high esteem and concern for the welfare of the one loved. It is deliberate, purposeful love rather than emotional or impulsive love. Almost all of the New Testament references to love are *agapao* or *agape* in the original Greek.

*agape* as "charity,"  
but charity has now taken  
on the meaning of  
assistance to the poor  
rather than benevolent love.

Jesus says to Peter, "Simon son of John, do you truly love (*agapao*) me?" Peter answers, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love (*phileo*) you."

***Philadelphia*** is a related word meaning the love of brothers or sisters (e.g., Romans 12:10).

It is often translated  
"brotherly love."

**God's love for mankind**

**God is love, and all  
who live in love live  
in God, and God  
lives in them.**

(NLT, 1 John 4:16)

**Are not five sparrows sold for two cents? And yet not one of them is forgotten before God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear; you are of more value than many sparrows.**

**(NAS, Luke 12:6-7)**

- **Love the Lord your God**

**Jesus said our most  
important responsibility  
in life is to love God:**

**One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'**

**(NIV, Mark 12:28-30)**

- **Love your neighbor**

Our second most important responsibility in life is to love other people. Jesus went on to say,

**The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these.**

*(NRSV, Mark 12:31)*

**Apostle Paul said that  
Christian love is the  
greatest and most  
essential of all the  
spiritual gifts. Even faith  
is worthless without love!**

**If I speak in the  
tongues of mortals and  
of angels, but do not  
have love, I am a noisy  
gong or a clanging  
cymbal.**

**And if I have prophetic powers,  
and understand all mysteries and  
all knowledge, and if I have all  
faith, so as to remove mountains,  
but do not have love, I am nothing.  
If I give away all my possessions,  
and if I hand over my body so that  
I may boast, but do not have love, I  
gain nothing.**

*(NRSV, 1 Corinthians 13:1-3)*

**Love is patient; love is kind;  
love is not envious or  
boastful or arrogant or rude.  
It does not insist on its own  
way; it is not irritable or  
resentful; it does not rejoice  
in wrongdoing, but rejoices  
in the truth.**

**It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end... And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.**

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**Jesus greatly expanded the scope and importance of love, saying love of God and love of fellowman are the most important of all the commandments. The apostle Paul said Christian love was the greatest and most essential of all the spiritual gifts.**

Throughout the New Testament, we are encouraged and commanded to live in peace with all God's people (*Romans 12:17-18*) and commit ourselves to genuine love and caring for others (*1 John 3:17-18*).

Let us possess the  
LOVE of GOD and  
live in it so that we  
can be a blessing to  
others.