

Love Dare – *Daring to Love Your Parents* – Day 14

“Love takes delight”

Remember how yesterday I talked about how as a small child your parents could do no wrong. Your Dad was the biggest and best, your Mom was Superwoman. Well sometime during your adolescent and teen years this starts to wear off and we start to see all their faults. Where your Dad used to be able to control the world, now seems over-controlling. Where Mom used to be Superwoman now she seems over protective. To love your parents becomes a decision, rather than what came naturally to us as young children.

It's time to lead your heart once again to delight in your parent's, faults and all. Enjoy your parents. Seek to be with them rather than away from them. Desire their conversation, rather than run away when they start asking questions. Accept them – quirks and all – and welcome them back into your heart. (I hope for some of you they have never left your heart and your relationship with them has not gone through this time of disgust and rebellion towards them).

You choose to be disgusted with them. You choose to fight them on the rules of your home. You choose to wake up in the morning with a bad attitude. You also have to choose to delight in your parents. You have to choose to enjoy the relationship with them.

The Love Dare Challenge: Purposefully choose not to do an activity that would take you away from your parents and choose to join them in what they are doing. If Mom is fixing supper, join her and ask how you can help her. If Dad is working in the yard, choose to join him and see how you can help. Just hang out with them and be helpful and a joy to be around.

Pray: That you would choose to enjoy your parents. That you could find times to just hang out and be where they are. That God would help you to love them for who they are not what they have done for you.