

Song of Songs 8:6-7 (NRSV)

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm;
for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave.

Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame.

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it.

If one offered for love all the wealth of his house,
it would be utterly scorned.

Song of Songs

Love \approx Death

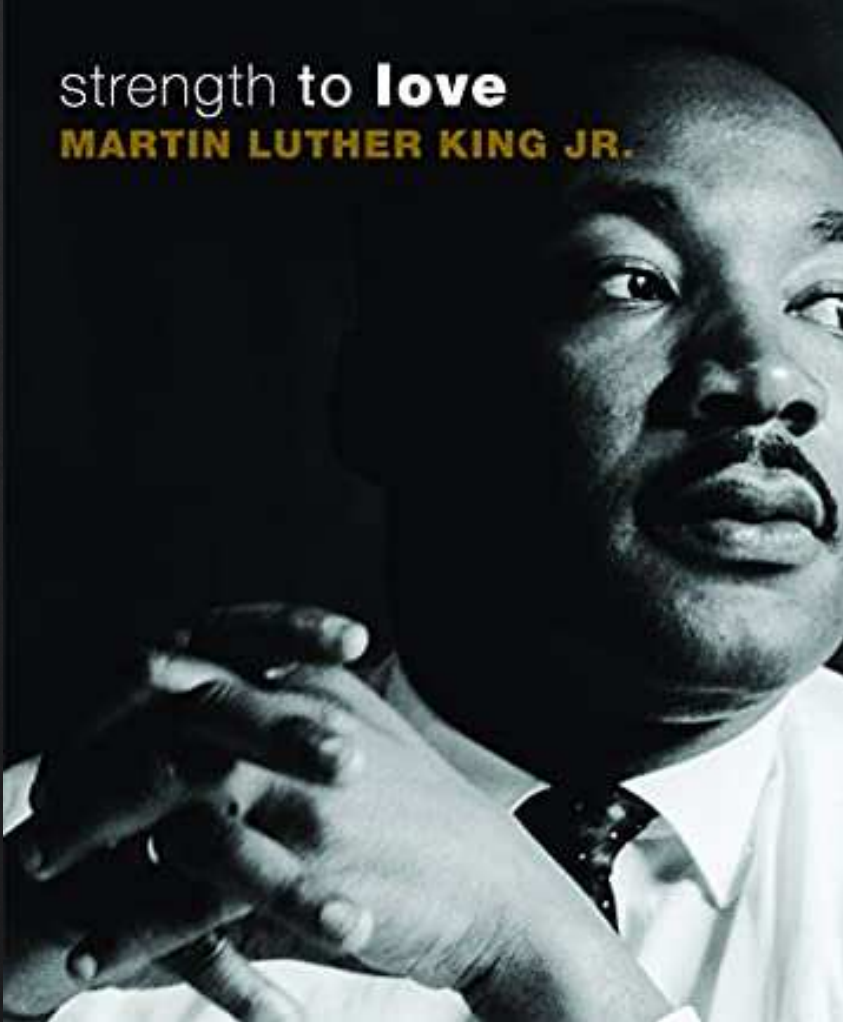
In Jesus

Love $>$ Death

Foreword by Coretta Scott King

strength to **love**

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.



Few words in the New Testament more clearly and solemnly express the magnanimity of Jesus' spirit than that sublime utterance from the cross,

'Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.'

This is love at its best.



9
Emanuel Nine
Memorial

The Ministry of Forgiveness, Love

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said,

"Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

(John 20:19-23 NRSV; cf. Matthew 6:12-15)

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

TIMOTHY KELLER

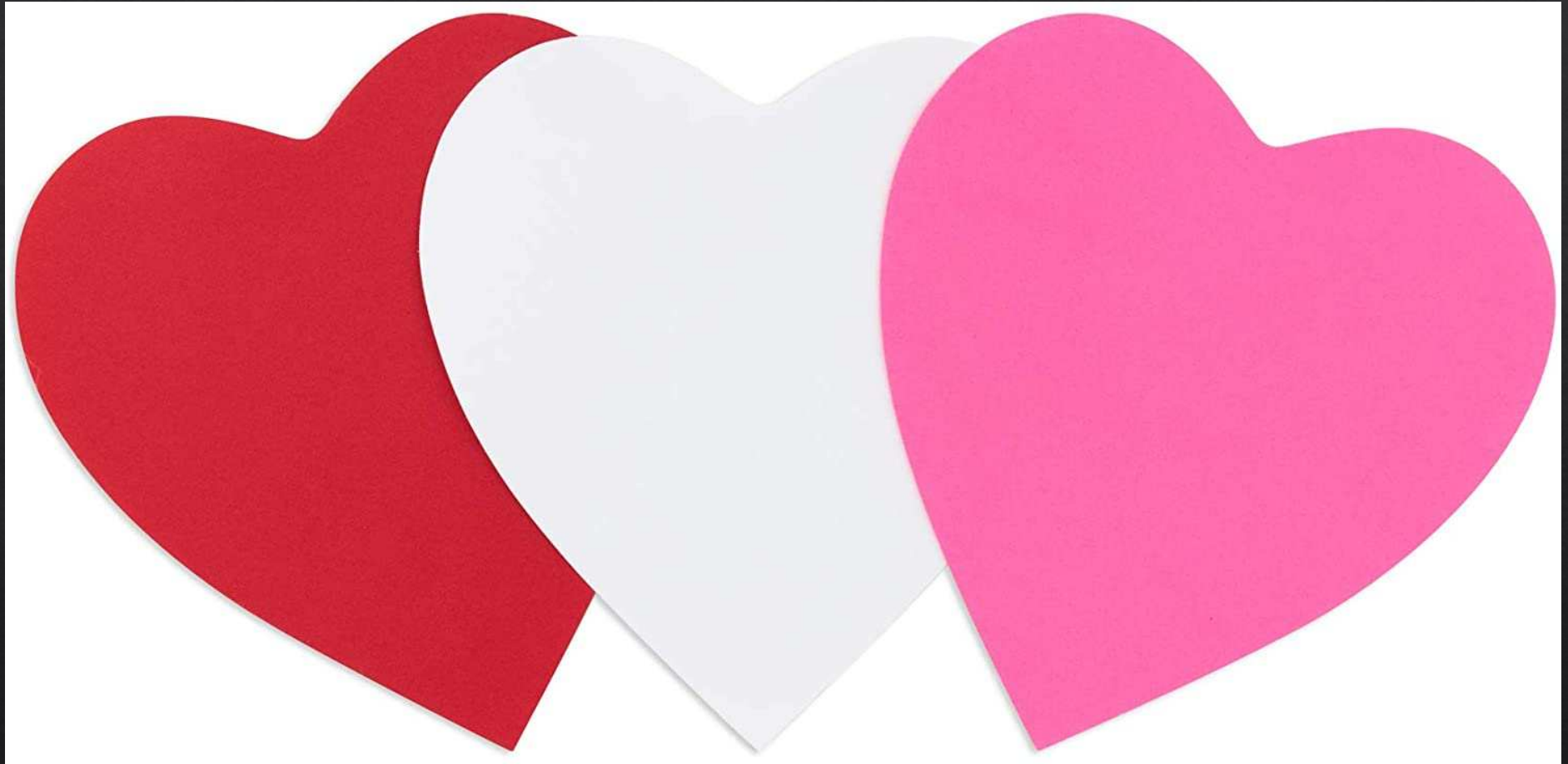
The
REASON
for
GOD

*Belief in an Age
of Skepticism*



“Forgiveness means refusing to make them pay for what they did. However, to refrain from lashing out at someone when you want to do so with all your being is *agony*. It is a form of suffering.

...It hurts terribly. Many people would say it feels like a kind of death. Yes, but it is a death that leads to resurrection instead of the lifelong living death of bitterness and cynicism.”



**keep yourselves in the love of God;
look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that
leads to eternal life.**

(Jude 1:21 NRSV)