



SPIRITUAL LIFE AND MESSAGE FOR FEBRUARY 2019

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Opening Song: "Love Lifted Me"

I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore. Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more. But the Master of the sea, heard my despairing cry. From the waters lifted me, now safe am I.

Chorus:

Love lifted me, **Love** lifted me. When nothing else could help, **Love** lifted me. **Love** lifted me, **Love** lifted me, when nothing else could help. **Love**..... Lifted..... me.

Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves; He will lift you by His **Love**, Out of the angry waves. He's the Master of the sea, billows His will obey; He your Savior wants to be. Be saved today.

Repeat Chorus:

Prayer: (As led by the Holy Spirit)

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Meditation: "Disarming Love"

Virginia Randolph was a pioneer in black education. She began teaching in a southern rural school in 1892. As she tried to instill high ethical standard along with the "The Rs," many parents resented it. In fact, one mother bragged about whipping every teacher at that school. She vowed Miss Randolph would be next.

One day, Virginia saw the woman standing on the porch with a long stick. She'd just finishing reading 1 Corinthians 13 to her class.

"Children," she began, keeping her voice steady, "This morning I'm going to pray," "Lord, have mercy on the dear mother that came to school. So glad to see you, dear mother." Virginia then led the boys and girls in singing, "I Need Thee Every Hour."

She continued, "Now, students, this has been the first mother to visit school. She has two lovely children, and you know the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world. Don't you feel proud? I'll ask her to speak to us."

That mother was so touched, her eyes filled with tears. "I came for one thing and found another," she said. "I will never disturb the classroom again." She kept her promise and became a willing school worker.

Isn't it amazing how **Love** disarms hostility? It was true in 1892 and is just as true in 2019, more than 127 years later.

Closing Prayer:

Dear Lord,

We know that **Love** is the greatest thing, so let **Your Love** grow and become stronger and stronger within us. **Lord**, help us to cultivate those relationships with the people we **love** today. Help us show **love** to those closest around us, our family, our friends, our missionaries, our church family and everyone else. Lord we thank you for **loving** us. Amen