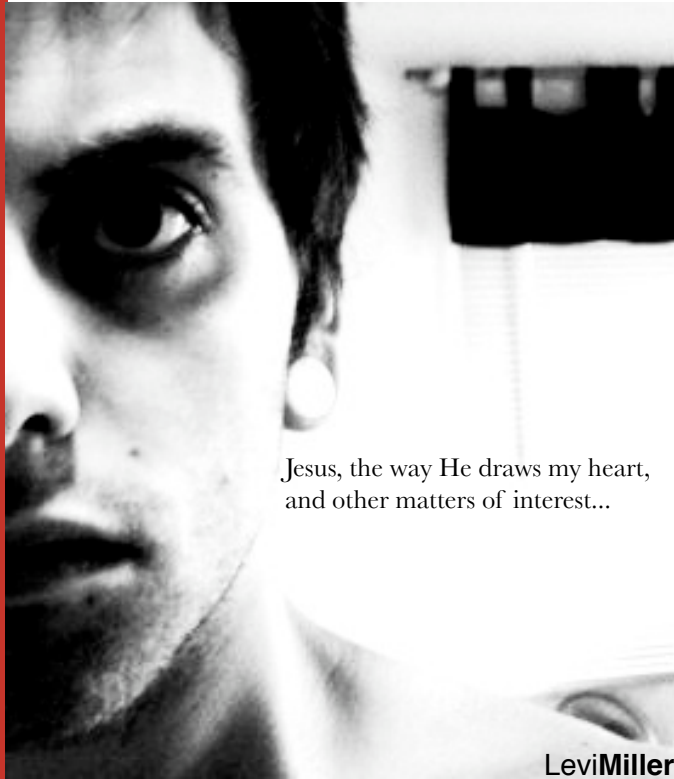


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# IN PURSUIT OF LOVE



Jesus, the way He draws my heart,  
and other matters of interest...

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**“A new  
commandment  
I give to you,  
that you love  
one another...”**

John 13:34

Friends and family of my heart,

This is a small attempt to express my gratitude to you for all you've been a part of in my life over the last four years. So much has happened in the short while its been since my last opportunity to write to you, so I'll do my best to keep this light on information and interesting. In the course of the last year, I've had the privilege of leading two outreach teams for YWAM to both the United States of America, and Israel. In both cases, we saw incredible fruit that has remained, and an even more radical turning of our own hearts toward the things of God. Thank you so much for partnering with us in finance and prayer! Your generosity of resource, time, and spirit made it possible for us to go, and the kingdom of our God was advanced powerfully.

As I've watched the Lord move time after time in and through His body, discovering what moves His heart, and how those two things coincide among mankind, I feel as though I'm beginning to understand our place for the first time: love one another. Vision to change the world *for* God has often superceded His command on looking like the people *of* God, and according to His word, that's how they'll know anyway (John 13:35).

In 1 John 4:7-11 it says, “*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who*

## The adventure of a lifetime, and the means by which we make it.

*loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”*

The purpose of God in redemption had to be carried out by a man, because man was given dominion over the earth in the garden of Eden. In His mercy and love, He sent His son to live sinlessly and die the same, that we might be restored to our place of authority through his sacrifice: right relationship with our Father. However, the piece of the dominion mandate that I think we often minimize, and thereby forget altogether, is that it was given in the *context of family*, and was to be accomplished *by way of family*.

*“So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion...’”*

- Genesis 1:27-28

As is apparent in this passage, when God gave dominion to mankind, it was subsequent to His finding a “helper suitable” for Adam (Gen. 2:18). I would like to suggest that Adam, the image bearer or “representative” of God to the planet, was not able to accomplish the task of dominion in his solitary state. But rather, being the image of the God who IS love, he needed a counterpart to himself that he might love selflessly. In that expression of selfless, covenantal love, the whole of creation would see God. Then, in keeping with this reality, we see the *mandate of dominion* was only attainable by way of their love as well (“*Be fruitful, and multiply; fill the earth and*



The beautiful miss Kellye Rae Vetter *subdue it;...”).* I could spend so much more time walking through the word, pulling out and demonstrating the high priority in the heart of God for family within His church, but I'll leave the searching out to you. This burning heart for the priority of “family” in all of life is forming in me a passion that I believe will lead the course of

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my pursuit of God, and already is.

Much has changed in my life since moving to Kona, and much is about to change. I would like to introduce all of you to the incredible Kellye Rae Vetter. Kellye is 21 years old, originally from Edmond, Oklahoma and has been with YWAM for just over a year now. She is currently co-leading an outreach team to LA and New York of 5 incredible young women. She is brilliant, funny, full of



joy, and highly called of God. She is also my girlfriend. :) Kellye has fast become my best friend, as well as a constant reminder that it is possible to be more like Jesus. I am so blessed to have her in my life, and look forward to living it together for the sake of the Kingdom. As we've sought the Lord about the next step for us, we really believe that we will be transitioning out of YWAM Kona and toward the individual passions the Lord has placed on our hearts.

For me, as I'm sure you can imagine, Kellye just so happens to be at the top of the list. So, for the next three months I'll be stepping into a slightly less ministry oriented season. I'll be living in Redding, CA to be with family, join in with Bethel Church, and work part-time to prepare for future life together. Kellye and I both feel called to the world of music, and plan to pioneer communities of young people in the darkest places of America who will bring light and love to them through creativity, by way of their love for God and for one another. So I've felt from the Lord that I'm to take this next season to very intentionally write music and sow into preparation for marriage. I believe that marriage, in submission to God, and all that follows in its wake is the highest strategy of heaven among mankind to see the earth restored. Please be praying with me for full financial provision, wisdom, and favor as I look ahead toward this incredibly exciting season of life.

Moving away from four years of life poured into the birth of a move of God is an interesting business. It is not easy to detach oneself from the relationships and frame of reference that you've begun to relate to your world in...to relate to yourself in. The call of God never seems to come at the most opportune time, but it is always the most opportune option. Fire & Fragrance has been a journey from pioneering against

all odds to boundless and unprecedented fruit. I have seen the Lord do things that I never imagined possible, and transform the darkest of hearts into a living sacrifice...namely my own. I have had the

privilege of running alongside some of the most gifted, humble, devoted, and hidden people on the earth. I have had the honor of learning what it looks like to love Jesus in light of their radical devotion to His heart and Kingdom. They are my family, and this has been the single most transformational season of my life. I wouldn't trade it for the world.

I believe part of the reason the Lord has set aside this season in Redding is to speak to me concerning future vision and direction. Kellye and I have a few long-term dreams on our hearts, and I feel the excitement in the heart of God to bring them to fruition. I will keep you all updated on what the Lord has, and invite you to do the same for me. Once again, thank you all for your diligence in prayerful and financial support. Your part in this whole thing has been crucial, and you'll reap eternal reward because of it. I am so grateful for your relationship, and I hope to be able to be with you in the near future.

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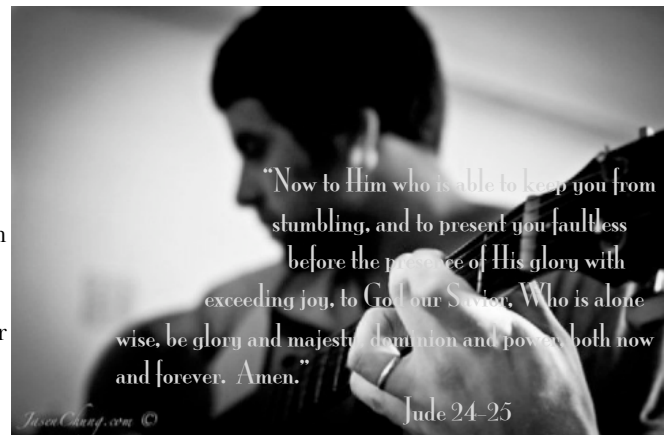
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