Coming Home to Abide in Wholeness and Joy

And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”
Matthew 18:3

Love is the foundation of authentic stewardship.
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How can we Abide in Love on Earth, our island home?

We know that
• God is love
• Jesus is love incarnate
• We are created in the image and likeness of love

With fear rather than love we are nothing. With love we help create a new Earth.

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Someday, after mastering the winds, the waves, the tides and gravity, we shall harness for God the energies of love, and then, for a second time in the history of the world, man will have discovered fire. (Teilhard de Chardin, Toward the Future)

Paul’s definition of love as relationship and attitude tells us how to live love.

Love-based stewardship principles for Earth
(Adapted from I Corinthians 13:4-7)

**Patient:** Accept natural processes.

**Kind:** Relate to our Earth Community neighbors with love.

**Humble:** Realize that we are stewards, not owners.

**Tolerant:** Learn to live within Earth’s pulses, flows, and occasional extravagances.

**Accommodating:** Make room for Earth’s processes rather than trying to control them.

**Positive:** Rejoice and celebrate life on Earth in its fullness.

**Hopeful:** Maintain faith in the things we do not understand.

**Resilient:** Keep on doing the right things.

Just be there.