

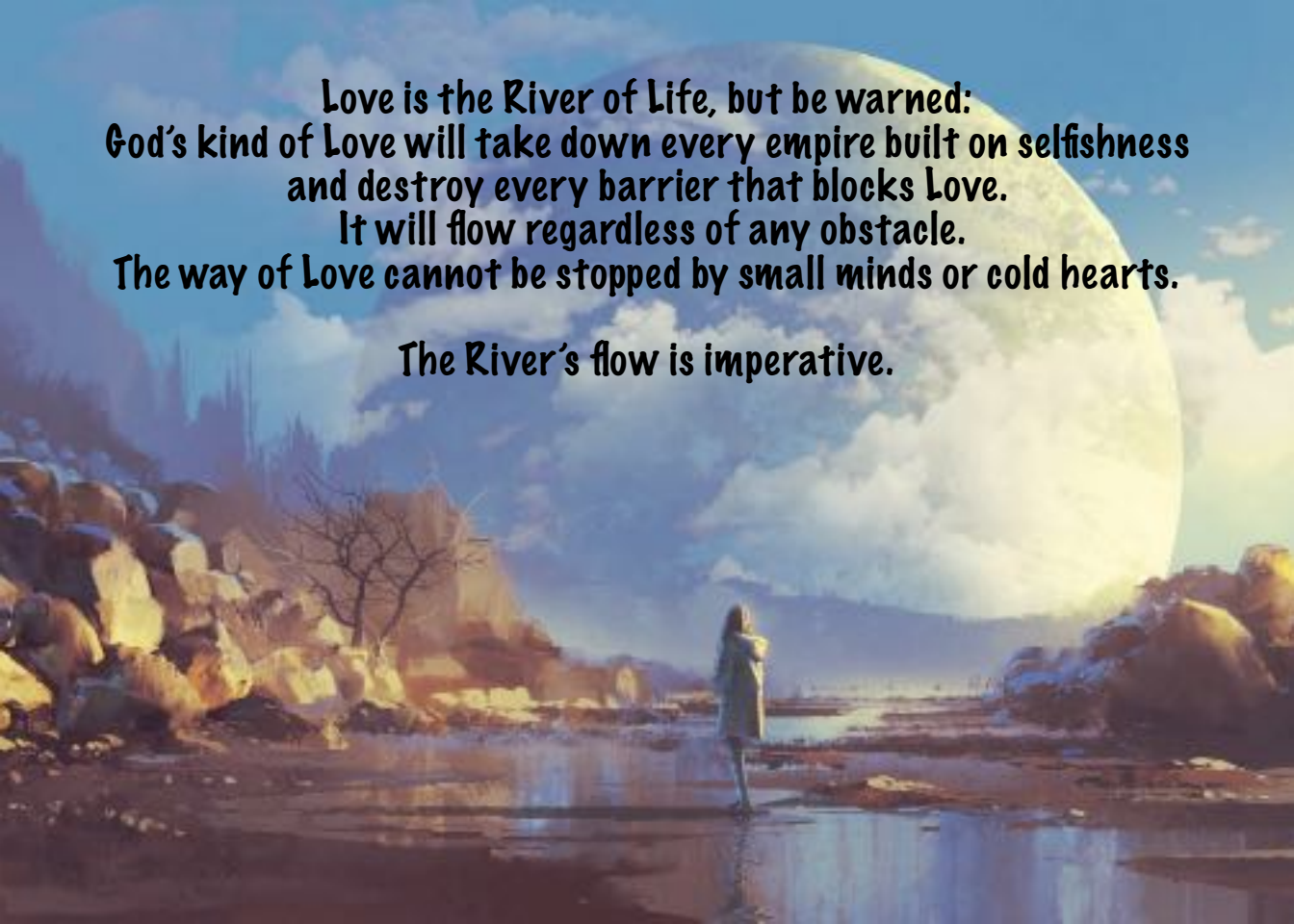
**What is God's heart toward us? God describes Himself as Love itself,
Love incarnate, and the Spirit of Love.
This is wonderful for the unloved,**

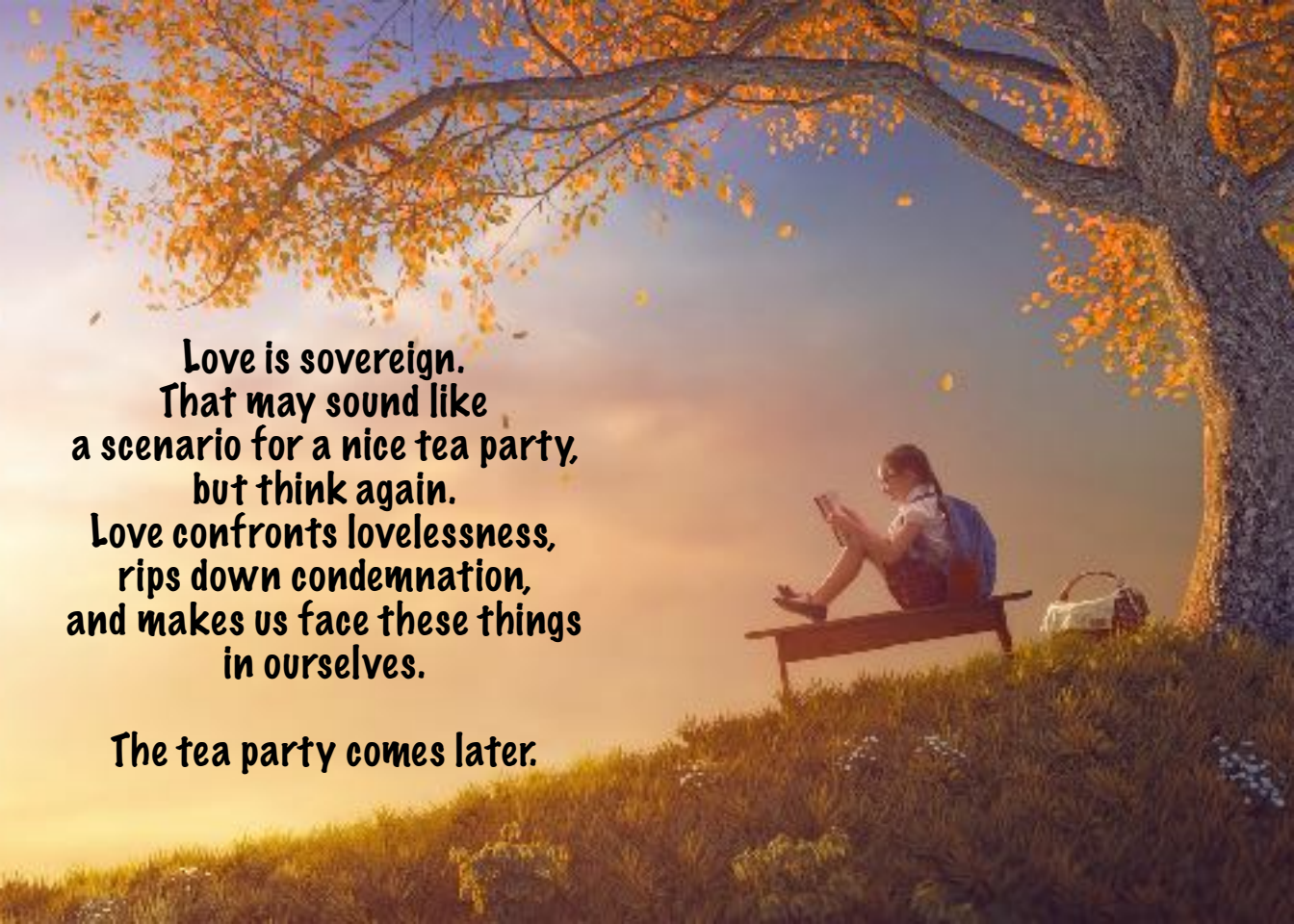
but not pleasant for those who are loveless towards others.



**Love is the River of Life, but be warned:
God's kind of Love will take down every empire built on selfishness
and destroy every barrier that blocks Love.
It will flow regardless of any obstacle.
The way of Love cannot be stopped by small minds or cold hearts.**

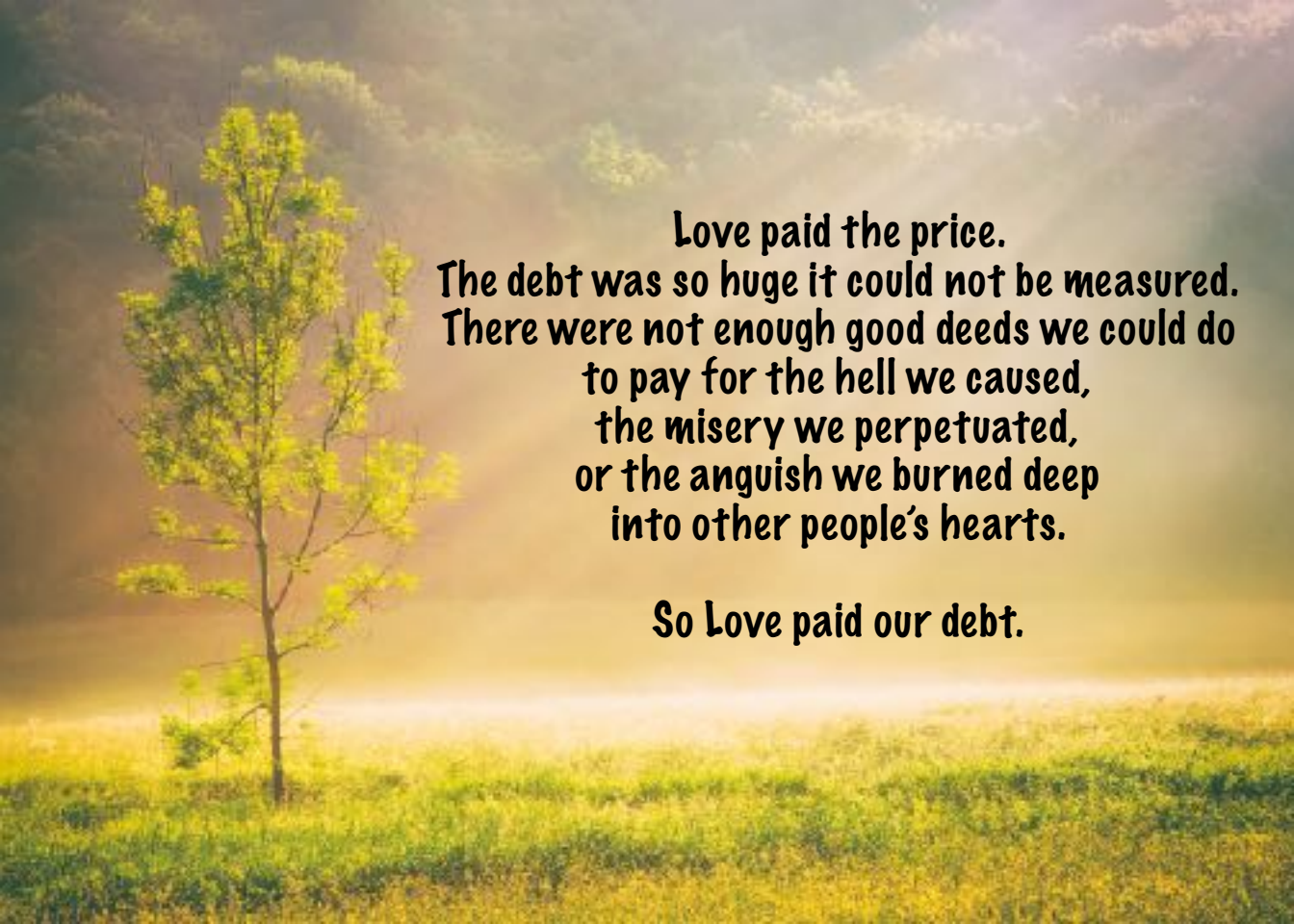
The River's flow is imperative.



A person with a backpack is sitting on a wooden bench under a large tree with vibrant autumn foliage. The person is holding a book and appears to be reading. A picnic basket is on the grass next to the bench. The scene is set on a grassy hillside during sunset or sunrise, with warm golden light illuminating the scene.


**Love is sovereign.
That may sound like
a scenario for a nice tea party,
but think again.
Love confronts lovelessness,
rips down condemnation,
and makes us face these things
in ourselves.**

The tea party comes later.

A lone, young tree with green leaves stands in a misty, sunlit field. The background is a soft, hazy landscape with rolling hills and a bright, glowing light source, possibly the sun, creating a serene and ethereal atmosphere. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.


**Love paid the price.
The debt was so huge it could not be measured.
There were not enough good deeds we could do
to pay for the hell we caused,
the misery we perpetuated,
or the anguish we burned deep
into other people's hearts.**

So Love paid our debt.

A person is walking away from the viewer down a path covered in fallen autumn leaves. The path is flanked by tall trees with thin trunks. The sun is shining brightly from the end of the path, creating a strong backlight effect and illuminating the scene with a warm, golden light. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and contemplative.

**Love transforms.
Even with every debt paid,
the only hope is to cease to be who we were.
So Love re-creates our minds and hearts,
a new kind of aliveness,
our freewill being convinced.**

Love re-creates.



Love is the strongest power,
the greatest authority,
the supreme ruler.
Love takes action,
yet Love does not force its way.
Love's will is for the good of the beloved,
and it will go through anything
to obtain the best for the beloved.

Relax, your hungry heart is the beloved.

**We've said "right words" while our hearts were tainted with strife and envy.
Talking about love does not make us right; it's by actually loving that we are changed.
We long to hear afresh.**

**Believing in Christ and actively following the pathway of Christ is what transforms us.
Jesus says to love our enemies, pray for those who spitefully use us,
forgive from our hearts, and love one another with a pure heart fervently.**

**God's plan is that we become truly a new kind of creature,
born of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth,
who comes to purge away all lovelessness and establish a new kind of aliveness.**

**When we are fully convinced, God's Truth re-creates our minds.
God's Love re-creates our hearts when we love one another as Christ loved us.**

**The River of Life flowing through us
fulfills the one commandment that fulfills all – Love.**