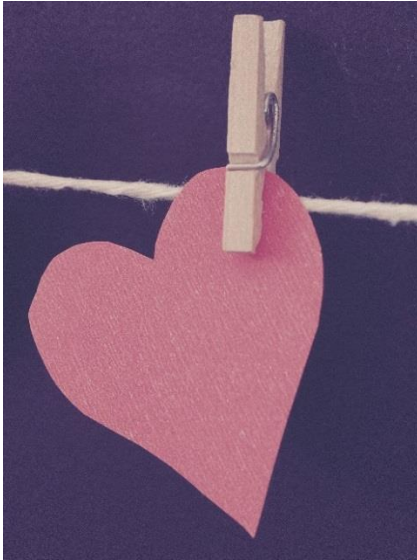


Unlike



These days we *like* a lot of stuff.

We like posts on various social media platforms. I give out *likes* like nobody's business. I know others who won't like a post on Facebook unless it's something special such as a 50th wedding anniversary.

I heard a rumor a while back that Facebook was going to add an "unlike" button. They did eventually add more buttons including an angry face. But it got me to thinking about *like* and *unlike* and hearts and such things.

The word unlike struck me in a different sort of way. It made me think of Jesus.

Maybe that sounds strange but He's unlike anyone else. I contemplated the things about Jesus that make Him so special and set Him apart from any other person you could ever know in life.

He's unlike us in many ways yet shared in our humanity by becoming flesh. He shared in the sufferings of mankind. He understands our struggles and our pain.

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Psalm 34:18 (NIV)

Have you ever had your heart broken or your spirit crushed? It *really* hurts.

Sometimes, we're not nice to each other. We say things (on purpose or unintentional) that cause pain to another person. We become angry and do all sorts of terrible things.

But Jesus is "unlike" that and will never break your heart. He mends broken hearts. He gives us **new** hearts.

A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. Ezekiel 36:26 (NIV)

Even when He was dying on the cross, He was thinking of us. He was making a way for us to have a right relationship with God by paying the price for our countless sins. He alone is completely trustworthy. How can anyone not *like* that?

So, this Valentine's Day, if you're thinking of liking someone, or giving your heart to someone, or having a relationship with someone ... think about **Jesus**. He is *unlike* anyone else you will ever know.