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God is an emotional God.

Zechariah 1:2-4 "I, the LORD, was very angry with your ancestors. ³ Therefore, say to the people, 'This is what the LORD Almighty says: Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD Almighty.' ⁴Do not be like your ancestors who would not listen when the earlier prophets said to them, 'This is what the LORD Almighty says: Turn from your evil ways and stop all your evil practices.'" NLT

Zechariah 1:12-17 Upon hearing this, the angel of the LORD prayed this prayer: "O LORD Almighty, for seventy years now you have been angry with Jerusalem and the towns of Judah. How long will it be until you again show mercy to them?" ¹³ And the LORD spoke kind and comforting words to the angel who talked with me.

¹⁴ Then the angel said to me, "Shout this message for all to hear: 'This is what the LORD Almighty says: My love for Jerusalem and Mount Zion is passionate and strong. ¹⁵ But I am very angry with the other nations that enjoy peace and security. I was only a little angry with my people, but the nations punished them far beyond my intentions.

¹⁶ "Therefore, this is what the LORD says: I have returned to show mercy to Jerusalem. My Temple will be rebuilt, says the LORD Almighty, and plans will be made for the reconstruction of Jerusalem.' ¹⁷ Say this also: 'This is what the LORD Almighty says: The towns of Israel will again overflow with prosperity, and the LORD will again comfort Zion and choose Jerusalem as his own.'" NLT

Zechariah 2:8-9 "After a period of glory, the LORD Almighty sent me against the nations who oppressed you. For he said, 'Anyone who harms you harms my most precious possession. ⁹ I will raise my fist to crush them, and their own slaves will plunder them.' Then you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me." NLT

It's hard to be in a relationship with an emotional being.

We evaluate a complex set of data to assess someone's true love.

Sometimes we assess our relationship with God and feel unloved.

In evaluating God's love, we need to use the <u>right</u> set of <u>data</u>.

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Romans 5:8 but God demonstrates his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.