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I am skeptical about unconditional love. The concept of unconditional love is that we can love another regardless of what we receive in return. I am skeptical that we can love someone unconditionally and skeptical that a relationship can be healthy and strong without being a two-way street.

So I am skeptical about unconditional love... *except* when it comes to God.

Because the Biblical story of God is a story of covenant making and covenant breaking. The reason there have been so many covenants in the Bible is that people keep breaking our covenant promises with God.

And what does God do? God hangs in there. God keeps initiating more covenants. God keeps badgering people with love.

Even when Jesus was tricked, trapped, scoffed at, scorned, beaten, humiliated, and taken to die, remember what he prayed at the end? "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

That is unconditional love.

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