

Stirring us to believe in costly love

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There are countless ways to learn love in this world. But the costly character of love is best discovered through the biblical witness of a God who never quits on wayward people, pursuing them instead with grace and mercy. To let that witness penetrate our lives and wind its way into our hearts is to allow for the stirrings of faith to rumble within. And when those stirrings and rumblings get going, a renewal of life suddenly seems possible.