

Gods Love

Intro

- Feel i really have a message on my heart for us about God's love
- Fiji trip- the simplicity of truth they are so passionate about.

'People need someone to love, if ya can't give them that give them something to hope in, if ya can't give them that give them something to do' Flight of the phenix

Thats probably spot on to describe how we settle for a less than fulfilled life.

- mumford and sons line

'love will not betray you, dismay or enslave you it will set you free, to make you more like the man you were made to be' there is a design an alignment to cry at my heart you see, the beauty of love as it was made to be'

Marriage metaphor

The closer you are the greater the love is experienced and understood, and the deeper it impacts who we are, the more life giving it is.

Ephesians 3:14-19 When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father,[e] 15 the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth.[f] 16 I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. 17 Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. 18 And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. 19 May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

How has God showed his love to us?

Old testament

- Story Hearing Israel's crys,
- Blessing them with gold from Egypt.
- Rescue from 185,000 syrian soldiers,
- The remnant with Ezra

But now we have been given a brief moment of grace, for the Lord our God has allowed a few of us to survive as a remnant. He has given us security in this holy place. Our God has brightened our eyes and granted us some relief from our slavery. 9 For we were slaves, but in his unfailing love our God did not abandon us in our slavery. Instead, he caused the kings of Persia to treat us favorably. He revived us so we could rebuild the Temple of our God and repair its ruins. He has given us a protective wall in Judah and Jerusalem.

New testament

- Jesus embodies this love

1 John 4:15 All who confess that Jesus is the Son of God have God living in them, and they live in God. 16 We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love.

God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. 17 And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect

Max Lucado 'no wonder they call him the saviour' chapter on Jesus' Death

Now

Holy Spirit.

PSALM 33:22

*Let your unfailing love rest upon us, Lord,
for our hope is in you alone.*

What Does Gods love mean for us?

How should it impact how we see ourselves?

we matter, you don't have to settle for less than the overwhelming love of God the father, expressed 2000 years ago in the sending, dying and raising of Jesus and expressed every day through the comfort and guidance of The holy Spirit, which is the Spirit of the living God.

How should it impact the way we see others?

- Everyone else you meet matters.
- God Loves them and desires to express his love tangibly to them.

How should it impact the way I live tomorrow?

- To experience his love today, you just have to open yourself up to him. Invite people to pray with you and minister to you. relax and let the words of the song wash over you.
- I feel we really need this

To continue to experience his love and see it grow and deepen, you need to enter relationship with him.

- Relationships are two way streets

His part if marked with purpose, affirmation, identity, healing, community

- Its our confirmation of being in Christ
- Its the power that heals and restores its what empowers transformation in us hoping us fulfill our purpose to become like Jesus.
- Its our guide, counsellor and encourager

Our part is marked by obedience

John 15:5-17 Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. 6 Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. 7 But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! 8 When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

9 I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. 10 When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love. 11 I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! 12 This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. 13 There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command. 15 I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me. 16 You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. 17 This is my command: Love each other.

Recognize that a loving relationship is a dance between the intimate moments and the everyday making it work together.

- Not all intimate moments of intimacy If all it is is this it can become empty,
- not all the daily grind and every day If its all this it becomes dry

Hosea 2:16

*When that day comes," says the Lord,
"you will call me 'my husband'
instead of 'my master.' [c*

what should it mean for us right now?

*Psalm 36 Your unfailing love, O Lord, is as vast as the heavens;
your faithfulness reaches beyond the clouds.*

*6 Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your justice like the ocean depths.*

You care for people and animals alike, O Lord.

7 How precious is your unfailing love, O God!

*All humanity finds shelter
in the shadow of your wings.*

*8 You feed them from the abundance of your own house,
letting them drink from your river of delights.*

*9 For you are the fountain of life,
the light by which we see.*

*10 Pour out your unfailing love on those who love you;
give justice to those with honest hearts.*

James 4:8 Come close to God, and God will come close to you.