



Sermon Notes

Embracing Hope Part 38 – Return to Me
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Isaiah 44:22

*22 I have swept away your offenses like a cloud,
your sins like the morning mist.*

*Return to me,
for I have redeemed you.*

Matthew 23:37

37 "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing.

Revelation 2:2-5

2 I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. 3 You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.

4 Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. 5 Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.

God is calling His church back to our first love.

God beckons to us because He loves us.

In Hebrew language, a name was very important:

El Echad – *The One God*

El Hanne' eman – *The Faithful God*

El Emet – *The God of Truth*

El Tsaddik – *The Righteous God*

El Shaddai – in English often translated – *God Almighty*. Hebrew translation - *The All Sufficient God*

God is the main thing! And it's time to get back to the main thing being the main thing!

God doesn't need us, but He wants us!

God made us, said it was very good, and then drew us to Himself!



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Jeremiah 31:3

*3 ...“I have loved you with an everlasting love;
I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.*

It is for our good that God beckons us.

God knows His presence is all we really need.

God’s children are not called to be hand-wringers.

God didn’t create us to cower.

When we understand and embrace God’s love for us, we are no longer afraid of His presence.

Psalm 16:11

*11 You make known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.*

Matthew 11:28

*28 “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.
God is calling and searching for me.*

