



Sermon Notes

The Way of Agape Part 17 Resilient Love March 21, 2021

Human love is fickle.

Agape: Greek word for God's perfect, unconditional love.

The highest form of love – it is selfless, sacrificial, and unconditional.
A perfect love that transcends our human capabilities and capacity.

Agape love is the opposite of fickle.

God's love is not like our love.

Isaiah 55:8

*8 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,"
declares the Lord.*

Isaiah 54:10 The Message

*For even if the mountains walk away
and the hills fall to pieces,
My love won't walk away from you,
my covenant commitment of peace won't fall apart."
The God who has compassion on you says so.*

God's love won't walk away from me.

John 15:16

16 You did not choose me, but I chose you

God's love is resilient.

God loves and chooses us even though we've given Him reasons not to.

Jeremiah 31:3

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

God loves me at my darkest.

God's resilient and unconditional love is counter-intuitive to us.



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God's love is what we have been searching for!

The way we view God and our relationship with Him impacts the way we view life.

Acts 13:22

22 After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.'

Psalms 139:1-6 The Passion Translation

You Know All About Me

1 Lord, you know everything there is to know about me.

*2 You perceive every movement of my heart and soul,
and you understand my every thought before it even enters my mind.*

3-4 You are so intimately aware of me, Lord.

*You read my heart like an open book
and you know all the words I'm about to speak
before I even start a sentence!*

You know every step I will take before my journey even begins.

*5 You've gone into my future to prepare the way,
and in kindness you follow behind me
to spare me from the harm of my past.*

You have laid your hand on me!

6 This is just too wonderful, deep, and incomprehensible!

Your understanding of me brings me wonder and strength.

Paraphrased Prayer:

"Lord, You know how I think, what I think, and why I think. You know what I'm going to think before I even think it. You know what I'm going to say before I say it. You know my emotions, my memories, and my personality. You know my preferences and characteristics. You know my hurts, my brokenness, my insecurities and weaknesses. You know my fears and worries"

"You know all about me - more than I know myself. You know my bad and good. You know what I will do before I do it. Yet with all this, You haven't changed Your mind about me one bit. Your love is the most resilient love of all.

With everything You know about me, You still choose to stay with me. At the same time, You go before me to protect me from what is coming, and You stay behind me to heal me from what happened in the past.

All this is too wonderful to understand. The fact that You know me so well, yet love me so completely, brings me strength and a sense of wonder. Why would I worry about anything?

God has promised to love me and stay with me.

