## **Sermon Notes**



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"Those who will never be fooled can never be delighted, because without self-forgetfulness there can be no delight, and this is a great and grievous loss."

— Alan Jacobs, <u>The Narnian: The Life and Imagination of C.S. Lewis</u>

God delights in our existence and loves us unconditionally.

God risked everything because He delights in us!

## Zephaniah 3:17

The LORD your God is with you,
 he is mighty to save.
 He will take great delight in you,
 He will quiet you with His love,
 he will rejoice over you with singing.

We can't surprise God.

It is impossible to disappoint God!

The One who should be the most disappointed in us, can never be disappointed.

"Our society strives to avoid any possibility of offending anyone – except God."

Billy Graham

### 2 Peter 3:9

<sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

## John 3:16

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

#### Romans 5:8

<sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

The One most qualified to walk away – has promised to never walk away.

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#### Isaiah 54:10

Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

## **Message Version:**

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...He said so!

God's love is relentless. (Steady and persistent; refusing to quit)

God's agape love is the prescription for whatever ails us.

God's love should prompt action on our part.

Because of God's love for us, we should refuse to quit.

Don't give up before the miracle happens.

God still has a plan.

When we quit, we aren't giving God time for His plan to unfold.

### 1 John 4:16

<sup>16</sup> And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

A great way to assimilate God's love is to pray the Word of God.

John 8:32

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.



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