



## Sermon Notes

The Way of Agape Part 44 – Extravagant Love  
November 7, 2021

### Isaiah 44:22

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

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

***God's love compels Him to do more than wait for us.***

***God loves us just as we are, but He loves us too much to leave us that way.***

***God's love compels Him to compel us.***

***God says "return to me" and then compels us to do so!***

***God calls us, draws us, then goes to look for us.***

***God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.***

***God doesn't call us in order to make us lovable – He calls us because He loves us!***

### 1 Peter 2:9

<sup>9</sup> *But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*

### Jeremiah 1:5

<sup>5</sup> *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew<sup>[a]</sup> you,  
before you were born I set you apart..."*

Footnotes

- a. Jeremiah 1:5 Or chose

***The devil calls out your faults – God calls out your name!***

### Jeremiah 31:3

<sup>3</sup> *"I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.*

### John 6:44

<sup>44</sup> *"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them*



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#### **Psalm 103:1-5**

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD, my soul;  
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.  
<sup>2</sup> Praise the LORD, my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits—  
<sup>3</sup> who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases,  
<sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the pit  
and crowns you with love and compassion,  
<sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

#### **Psalm 40:2**

<sup>2</sup> He lifted me out of the slimy pit,  
out of the mud and mire;  
he set my feet on a rock  
and gave me a firm place to stand.

#### **Hebrews 10:22**

<sup>22</sup> let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

***Jesus' parables revealed Kingdom principles and the heart of God the Father.***

***God's extravagant agape love reaches beyond all the reasons and excuses, and will look for us, regardless of the reason we are lost.***

#### **Luke 15:11-24**

<sup>11</sup> Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.  
<sup>13</sup> "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. <sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.  
<sup>17</sup> "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! <sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' <sup>20</sup> So he got up and went to his father.  
"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.



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<sup>21</sup> *"The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'*

<sup>22</sup> *"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup>Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. <sup>24</sup>For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.*

***A requirement for receiving God's extravagant love – return to Him.***

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