



Sermon Notes

Season of Healing
March 12, 2023

I am a beloved child of God, not a whipped dog.

John 1:12-13

¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

1 John 3:1

¹ See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

It is God's choice to call me His child – and He did it out of His love!

Galatians 4:6

⁶ And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father."

Abba: Aramaic – Endearing term for father; Daddy.

It is God's will and pleasure to call us His blameless kids!

Ephesians 1:4-5

⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—

God didn't wait for you to get your act together to love you and call you!

Jeremiah 31:3

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

God loved you at your darkest!

We are God's children because we have received His Son as our Savior.



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Psalm 131:2-3 (The Message)

² *I've kept my feet on the ground,
I've cultivated a quiet heart.
Like a baby content in its mother's arms,
my soul is a baby content.*
³ *Wait, Israel, for GOD. Wait with hope.
Hope now; hope always!*

Ephesians 3:16-19

¹⁶ *I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*

1 John 4:7-12

⁷ *Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.*

God is love.

Love comes from God.

Our ability to love and be loved comes first from our relationship with God.

"When we say we love another person, we're essentially receiving love from God and channeling it to him or her. That means if you want to give more love to a person you first have to go to the Source and get more of it to give."

Gordon Dalbey



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If love originates in people, the only solution is to grit our teeth and try harder.

Human love has gotten in the way of God's love!

When we haven't truly experienced God's love and let it transform us, our love for others will always be conditional.

If we can't love ourselves and others, then we don't fully know God yet.

God wants us to know Him and His love – and He wants to transform our lives.

Hosea 14:4

⁴ The LORD says,

*"Then I will heal you of your faithlessness;
my love will know no bounds,
for my anger will be gone forever..."*

HEALING MANIFESTO

Lord, I commit to the following:

I will be real with You. That means admitting I'm not OK at times.

I will resist the urge to self-manage.

I will cooperate with Your work through obedience.

I will stop speaking negativity.

I will submit to Your process of removing the indelible stain of my sin and brokenness.

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