



Sermon Notes

Season of Healing
September 3, 2023

With God, it's always been about our hearts.

We were made by love, in love, for love.

God didn't create us to earn His love, He created us to enjoy His love.

Enjoying God's love means letting it guide our hearts in all we do.

1 John 4:16

¹⁶ *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.

Three kinds of love in Greek language:

Philia (or philos): *Love for fellow man...brotherly love*

Eros: *Affection of sensual and intimate nature*

Agape: *The love of God for man. A love originating from God for mankind.*

Agape: *The highest form of love – it is selfless, sacrificial, and unconditional.*

A perfect love that transcends our human capabilities and capacity.

John 3:16

¹⁶ *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.*

You can't make God love you any more than He does, and He chooses not to love you less.

God is calling us back to the simplicity of His love for us.

If you are a believer, you were originally drawn by God's love.

John 6:44

⁴⁴ *"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them..."*



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Jeremiah 31:3

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

There is no motivator like love!

The One most qualified to be mad at you has chosen to never be mad at you!

2 Timothy 1:7

⁷ *For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.*

1 John 4:18

¹⁸ *There is no fear in love.*

Love and fear cannot coexist.

Fear does not come from God.

Love and fear are the two primary emotions in humans.

God did not create us to be controlled by fear.

Psalm 27:1

¹ *...The LORD is the stronghold of my life—
of whom shall I be afraid?*

God's love controls me, not fear.

God is not condemning us for feeling fear.

What do you do with fear?

We allow fear to become a controlling and motivating emotion when we receive it and let it dwell in our hearts.



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Fear can work for you, as well as against you.

Psalm 56:3-4

³ *When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.*

⁴ *In God, whose word I praise—
in God I trust and am not afraid.*

What can mere mortals do to me?

Psalm 34:4

⁴ *I sought the LORD, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.*

Psalm 46:1-2

¹ *God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.*

² *Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea*

Psalm 91:1-6

¹ *Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.*

² *I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.”*

³ *Surely he will save you
from the fowler’s snare
and from the deadly pestilence.*

⁴ *He will cover you with his feathers,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.*

⁵ *You will not fear the terror of night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,*

⁶ *nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,
nor the plague that destroys at midday.*

When we let fear drive us into God’s shelter, fear will no longer be our mindset.

