



Sermon Notes

Season of Healing
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Psalm 139:17-18

¹⁷ How precious are your thoughts about me, O God.

They cannot be numbered!

¹⁸ I can't even count them;

they outnumber the grains of sand!

And when I wake up,

you are still with me!

How would life look if you lived like you're loved?

Shame says "Take your failures to heart."

Grace says "Take them to God's heart."

We waste much of our lives chasing approval.

Our desire to feel safe, lovable, and acceptable often drives us to try to control the conditions in which we are indeed safe, loveable, and acceptable.

Matthew 10:8

⁸ ...Freely you have received; freely give.

We often only accept love when we feel lovable.

"If we ever got our hearts back, lived from them with courage, we will be a big problem to the enemy. He fears us, we are very dangerous to him. So he will launch an all-out assault at us and go straight to our hearts with pinpoint accuracy."

John Eldredge, Wild at Heart

How would your life change if you knew there was someone who loved you unconditionally?

"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us."

Augustine

Agape: The highest form of love – the love of God for man. Selfless, sacrificial, unconditional love originating from God for mankind. A love that transcends our human capabilities and capacity



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“The great thing to remember is that though our feelings come and go - God’s love for us does not.”

CS Lewis

“Surrender your poverty and acknowledge your nothingness to the Lord. Whether you understand it or not, God loves you, is present in you, lives in you, dwells in you, calls you, saves you, and offers you an understanding and compassion which are nothing you have ever found in a book or heard in a sermon.”

Thomas Merton

Jeremiah 31:3

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

***God chooses to love us this way.
God makes choices – and He chose me.***

John 15:16

¹⁶ *You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.*

Exodus 33:19

¹⁹ *And the LORD said, “I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.*

“The only way love can last a lifetime is if it is unconditional. The truth is this: love is not determined by the one being loved, but rather by the one choosing to love.”

Stephen Kendrick

God’s love is defined by the One giving it. Not by the one receiving it.

***I can’t brag about my love for God - because I fail Him daily.
But I can brag about His love for me - because it never fails.***



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Psalm 13:5

⁵ *But I trust in your unfailing love;
my heart rejoices in your salvation.*

God's love is greater than any mistake you've ever made.

"Our hearts will ever be restless until they rest in Him."
CS Lewis

The best response to God's love is to believe and receive it.

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.*

"When you know how much God is in love with you then you can only live your life radiating that love."

Mother Teresa

Responsive Reading:

- Lord, I believe You love me. Help me in my unbelief.***
- Lord, I believe You chose me, and chose to love me, by Your own will.***
- I am Your child, and no one can take that away.***
- You accept me and approve of me.***
- I believe that when I truly understand this, my life will radically change.***
- Lord, help me understand this - let this Truth transform my heart.***

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