Title: The revelation of love

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God's Love is a giving love

John 3;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."

Love starts with God.

Romans 5:8 "but God shows his love for us in that while we were sinners, Christ died for us."

"Grace teaches us that God loves because of who God is, not because of who we are." Philip Yancey

Love starts with God - a lesson from Hosea

Hosea 2:19 "When the Lord first began speaking to Israel through Hosea, he said to him, "Go and marry a prostitute, so that some of her children will be conceived in prostitution. This will illustrate how Israel has acted like a prostitute by turning against the Lord and worshiping other gods." "I will make you my wife forever, showing you righteousness and justice, unfailing love and compassion."

Take a moment to reflect:

If you think of God's love, what comes to your mind? In other words, what has, or right now is, shaping your understanding of how much you *know* God loves you?

What is the biggest thing standing between you and God right now?

God's love brings the dead to life

Ephesians 2:4-5 "But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, *made us alive* together with Christ – by grace you have been saved.

Take a moment to reflect:

God raised you from spiritual death – what are the dead areas in your life that you can submit to His love this morning?

God's love empowers and protects:

Romans 8:31-33 "³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us? ³²He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him

also freely give us all things? ³³Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? *It is* God who justifies ³⁴Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or

God's love empowers and protects:

Romans 8:36-39 ³⁶As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." ³⁷ Yet, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. ³⁸For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Is there anything or anyone you feel is against you right now?
- Is there a voice accusing or condemning you? From the inside or from the outside?
- Are you intimidated by anything?
- Come and surrender this morning to the strength of His love.

Next steps

- Download YouVersion Bible App
- Select the 14-day reading plan: Unlimited love
- Ask Holy Spirit to give you greater revelation of God's Love