

Sermon notes: May 15, 2022

Because It's A Hardball

Passage: **Romans 8: 38-39**

³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Premise: We All Have A Need For Love

Romans 11:36 ³⁶ For from Him, and through Him, and to Him are all things. To Him *be* the glory forever. Amen.

How Does Lacking God's Love Affect Us?

What Makes It Hard To Believe God Loves Us?

Why Should We Believe God Loves Us?

John 3:16 ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life.

Jeremiah 31:3 ³ The LORD appeared to ^[a]him ^[b]long ago, *saying*,
"I have loved you with an everlasting love;
Therefore I have drawn you out with kindness.

Romans 5:8 ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

1 John 4:8 ⁸ The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

Conclusion

Ephesians 3:17-19 ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; *and* that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the ^[a]saints what is the width and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled to all the fullness of God.

Graves Into Gardens

Verse 1

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade
Are never enough
Then You came along and put me back together
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love

Chorus

Oh there's nothing better than You
There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing
Nothing is better than You

Verse 2

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness
My failures and flaws
Lord You've seen them all
And You still call me friend
'Cause the God of the mountain
Is the God of the valley
And there's not a place
Your mercy and grace won't find me again

Bridge

You turn mourning to dancing
You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory
You're the only one who can

Bridge

You turn graves into gardens
You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways
You're the only one who can

Your Love Never Fails

Verse 1

Nothing can separate
Even if I ran away
Your love never fails
I know I still make mistakes but
You have new mercies for me ev'ryday
Your love never fails

Chorus

(And) You stay the same through the ages
Your love never changes
There may be pain in the night
But joy comes in the morning
And when the oceans rage
I don't have to be afraid
Because I know that You love me
(Your love never fails)

Verse 2

The wind is strong and the water's deep
But I'm not alone here in these open seas
Your love never fails
The chasm is far too wide
I never thought I'd reach the other side
Your love never fails

Bridge

You make all things
Work together for my good
You make all things
Work together for my good

One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)

Verse 1

Higher than the mountains that I face
Stronger than the power of the grave
Constant in the trial and the change
One thing remains
One thing remains

Interlude

Your love Your love Your love will never change

Chorus

Your love never fails
It never gives up
Never runs out on me
(REPEAT)

Your love

Verse 2

On and on and on and on it goes
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I never ever have to be afraid
One thing remains
One thing remains

Bridge

In death in life I'm confident and
Cover'd by the power of Your great love
My debt is paid there's nothing that
Can separate my heart from Your great love
(REPEAT)

Ending

Your love

God So Loved (Live At The Wheelhouse)

Verse 1

Come all you weary, Come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water Come and thirst no more

Verse 2

Come all you sinners, Come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness Find what you're looking for

Chorus 1

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Verse 3

Bring all your failures, Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there With open arms

Chorus 2

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world

Bridge

Praise God praise God From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him For the wonders of His love

Chorus 3

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save

Verse 4

Bring all your failures, Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting God so loved the world