

# Designed in Love

## Some Key Things from our Series

- Creation of Mankind was intentional and successful
- Given a free will to respond to God in the design
- Along with freedom – consequences for choices
- God continues to be faithful to mankind
  - pursuing relationship
  - providing conditions for that relationship
  - providing for our payment for sin
  - redeeming that which he intended

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- Satan is the father of all lies, seeks to take what's Gods
  - rebellion in the heavens
  - seeking to destroy what God love
  - father of all lies, seeks to deceive and destroy
- Distortion or partial truth used for destruction in time
- Desires you to Doubt God's Love for you
  - by looking at others and comparing
  - by looking inside and becoming discouraged
  - by doubting God's word and people

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The Inner Lawyer Whispers....

## 1. God Could Never Really Fully Love You

- if you knew what I have done in the past...
- if you knew what I really felt about.....
- if you knew what I really struggle with.....

\* I believe it for others, but cannot accept that God designed me, and still loves me!

- I can accept that He cares, but loved as His child, unconditionally and without hesitation.....proud of me?

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God Proclaims: I Do Love You

- *"You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Rom. 5:6-8*

- *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whosoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." John 3:16*

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- *“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Jesus Christ.” Rom. 3:23-24*

- Even at your worst He paid a debt you could not
- Even when you don't see it from circumstances
- Even when you don't feel lovable

## God Loves You

- It is based on a fact - not worthiness, feeling or experience. It comes from Him to us.
- Satan would love to convince you otherwise for it will prevent you from enjoying your position in Christ.

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## 2. God Will Accept Me When....

- God is waiting for me to get worthy
- When I clean up \_\_\_\_\_, I will be accepted
- I need to have something to offer God before ....
- My effort and sacrifice is great enough
- I have put in my time and served
- I do something really great to please him

\* Maybe He loves me, but I haven't earned his acceptance!

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## God Proclaims

- *“That if you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord’, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.” Rom. 10:9-10*

- *“Now when a man works, his wages are not credited to him as a gift, but as an obligation. However to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness.” Rom. 4:4-5*

- *“for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.” Galatians 3:27*

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-.....*Love...keeps no record of wrongs....*” 1 Cor.13:5

## God Accepts You And Desires Relationship

- What happened on a cross changed everything
- Clothed with Christ
  - *Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.*
- You do not earn acceptance - you have it in Christ
- You are not accepted from - what you do, what you experience or what you know!

\* God Loves and Accepts You Right Now!



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## 3. God is Giving Up on Me - Tired of My Mess!

- I keep falling for the same thing
- I will never beat \_\_\_\_\_.
- I'm tired of me - He has to be sick of me
- I feel so guilty - it must be true! Did I drift too far?  
Wait too long? Slip too much?
- Maybe I am saved, but close relationship - that is for others who are more spiritual, more together, not struggling with things that affect me.....

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God Proclaims:

*-“The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;” Psalms 103:8-13*

*-“Therefore since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.” Rom. 5:1-2*

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*-“If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all - how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? Christ Jesus who died - more than that, who was raised to life - is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written, ‘For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.’ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus.” Rom. 8:31-39*

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## God is Not Giving Up on You!

- Nothing can separate you from God's love
- God desires a close relationship with you
- The accuser wants you to give up

**God Does Not Give Up On You! He Will Empower You, Carry You, Encourage You, Direct You – He is faithful**

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## So What

1. God Created You, Knows You, and Loves You

- not because I said so – He proclaimed it in word & action

2. We Need to be Reminded of Truth

- cannot earn God's love, we cannot make ourselves worthy, He takes action on our behalf. He accepts me right now, desires time with me!

3. It's Not Too Late, For Others Only, Not difficult

- remember, be encouraged, return