

## SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

### A Love That Knows No Bounds

With Ryan & Vanessa Dawson  
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Ephesians 3:14-21 “When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, 15 the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. 16 I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. 17 Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God’s love and keep you strong. 18 And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. 19 May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God. 20 Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. 21 Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.”

**Big Idea: Experiencing the vastness and nearness of God’s love transforms us.**

Romans 8:38-39 “And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. 39 No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

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**Jesus on the cross perfectly embodies the staggering love of God towards us!**

John 1:14 “So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness, And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father’s one and only Son.”

2 Corinthians 5:21 “For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.”

James 4:8 (ESV) “Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.”

**Receive God’s unconditional love and then extend God’s love to others.**

**A Prayer of Commitment:** *Father God, I have been far from you and I have been directing my own life. Thank you for loving me so much that you would send your son, Jesus Christ, to die in my place, so that I might experience the fullness of life with you, now and forever. I ask for forgiveness for the sin of thinking I can live life on my own terms, and for the ways I have not honoured you. Today I surrender my life to your loving leadership. Fill me with your spirit, and transform me with your incredible love, so that I might love you fully, trust you wholly, and become the person you have created me to be. Amen*

**A Prayer for a Deeper Experience of God's Love:** *Father God, you have been so very kind to me. I thank you for all the ways you have graciously blessed me through Jesus Christ. Today I pray for a deeper understanding and experience of your incredible love. Fill me to overflowing with your love, so that my heart loves you above all else. Place your love deep in my heart so that I am transformed from the inside out. Drive the fear out of my life with your incredible love so that I can trust you with everything. Help me extend your love to all, so that more and more people know you and love you as Saviour and King. Amen.*

*The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today's 10:10 service are from the New Living Translation(NLT) and The English Standard Version (ESV).*



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#1 of 2— Sept. 30, 2018**

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- How have we lived on mission where we live, work, play, or went this past week? Who do we know that needs to hear the good news of Jesus?

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3) Which image or experience describing God's love, shared in the message, most resonates with you?

4) Read Ephesians 3:14-21 and Romans 8:38-39. What do you learn about God's love from these passages? In what ways does Paul suggest God's love transforms us? How does this encourage you?

5) Read John 1:1-14, and 2 Cor. 5:21. In what way does Jesus embody the "vastness and nearness" of God's love? What is your response to Jesus today?

6) Read James 4:8. What does it mean for you to "draw near to God?" What is holding you back from this today?

7) Take time to read and reflect on the two suggested prayers. Which one most resonates with you in this season? Why is that? Take time to pray to God and share your commitment with another.



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