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Summary

You Are Worth an Eternal Relationship with God

Big Idea: From creation to the new creation, God declares that you are worth the cost of an eternal, unbreakable relationship with Him.

Overview

Stepping in on short notice, the speaker traced the whole Bible story to show one continuous theme: God has always wanted deep, personal fellowship with people. He began in Genesis with humanity created in God's image, moved through the fall and God's relentless pursuit in Christ, and ended in Revelation where God dwells with His people forever. Along the way he emphasized that nothing—sin, weakness, the flesh, or demonic powers—can cancel God's covenant love. Our part is simply to believe, receive, and let the Spirit renew our minds so we can love God and others the way He loves us.

Key Scripture

- **Genesis 1:26-28** — The foundation of the whole message: humanity was made in God's image for relationship with Him.
- **John 3:16** — The pivotal declaration: God's love cost Him His Son so we could live eternally.
- **Romans 8:38-39** — The assurance: nothing in all creation can separate believers from God's love in Christ.
- **Revelation 21:3-4** — The ultimate fulfillment: God will dwell with His people, wiping away every tear forever.

Main Points

1. Relationship is God's original design (Genesis 1).

- God made male and female “in Our image” and blessed them with purpose, provision, and fellowship.
- The Garden reveals how highly God values communion with humanity.

2. The fall fractured, but did not cancel, God's desire for us.

- Human ideas of relationship are distorted by broken family experiences, religion,

and sin.
• Even King David wrestled with trust and fear (Psalm 31), yet clung to God's steadfast love.
• Throughout Scripture God keeps saying, “You're worth it; I'm still pursuing you.”

3. In Jesus, God secures the relationship we could never maintain.
• John 1: the eternal Word became flesh and “dwelt among us.”
• John 10: Jesus' sheep are safe— “no one can snatch them out of My hand.”
• The cross (John 3:16) and the new covenant celebrated in communion prove God's faithful, covenant love.
• Romans 7-8: Paul's honest struggle shows that the Spirit, not self-effort, keeps believers free from condemnation.

4. God's love is stronger than every threat.
• Romans 8:38-39 lists every conceivable barrier—none can sever us from Christ.
• Ephesians 1-2: before creation God chose, adopted, and seated believers with Christ in heavenly places.
• Our security rests on grace, “not by works, so no one can boast.”

5. The story ends—and begins again—in perfect fellowship (Revelation 21).
• God will wipe every tear; death and pain will be gone.
• Heaven is the completed expression of the relationship God intended from the start.

Application

The call: Believe in Jesus, rest in His finished work, and live daily as someone God considers eternally valuable.

Head — Replace distorted views of God with the biblical truth that His love is faithful, secure, and unearned.

Heart — Let the Spirit heal shame and fear; receive the joy of being fully known and still fully loved.

Hands

1. Thank God each day that your name is already “reserved in heaven.”
2. Show Christ-like love to others—keep no record of wrongs, just as He keeps none of yours.
3. When tempted to doubt, declare Romans 8:38-39 out loud.

Reflection Questions

1. Which earthly relationships have shaped—positively or negatively—your view of God?
2. What part of God's love described today is hardest for you to believe? Why?
3. How does knowing your place is already “seated with Christ” (Ephesians 2:6) change daily anxieties?
4. In what practical way can you love someone this week “as Christ has loved you”?
5. How might regular remembrance (communion, baptism, reading Scripture) deepen your awareness of God's covenant with you?

Prayer

Father, thank You that before the world began You chose to love us and make us Your own. Thank You for Jesus, whose blood sealed a covenant no power can break. Holy Spirit, renew our minds so we trust Your heart, rest in Your grace, and reflect Your love to everyone we meet. May we live each day anticipating the moment You dwell with us face to face. In Jesus' name, amen.