

WHAT GOD WANTS TO DO FOR YOU

Kelly Walter | November 12-13, 2022

Week 5: Experiencing the Power of God's Love

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I Can Have No Wants Because...

• **GOD** _____

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"God even knows how many hairs are on your head."
Matthew 10:30 (NCV)

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How Can I Respond To A Love Like That?

1. _____ **GOD'S LOVE**

But God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. Romans 5:8 (NLT)

But to all who believed Him and accepted Him, He gave the right to become children of God. John 1:12 (NLT)

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[Jesus] I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Live within my love. John 15:9 (LB)

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EXPERIENCING THE POWER OF GOD'S LOVE
Talk-it-Over Notes | November 12-13, 2022

REVIEW IT

Your greatest need is not money. Your greatest need is not success, fame, or another job. Your greatest need is to be loved. Not sentimental love, not sexual love, but God's love. His fulfillment, care and direction. One of God's names is Jehovah Roi which means "I am the God who shepherds you." God referred to Himself as a shepherd and because He cares for us, and in his care we can "have no wants." We have no wants because God knows us and still loves us, God protects us, and God guides us. How do you respond to a love like that? First, Receive God's love. You don't have to clean yourself up before coming to God. Second, Refill yourself with God's love. Confess your sin and repent. Third, Reflect God's love to others. When you receive God's love for you, you give it away!

Spend some time in the word... **Read Ephesians chapter 3**

TALK ABOUT IT

- What's one thing from last weekend's sermon that you hope we talk about as a group?
- If the truths of God's love from this message were applied to our culture today, how would it change?
- Who is someone you know who has shown you grace or love, because it overflowed out of them from God?
- Describe your life 1 year from now if you consistently applied the three ways of responding to God's love.

ACT ON IT

What is one thing you could do this week to reflect God's love to others?

PRAY ABOUT IT

Take some time to ask how you can pray for and support one another this week. Then, close praying for one another.