



Because God loves us

Sermon outline

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1. His commands are for our good...

(Deuteronomy, chapters 6 – 8)

- ... so that you may enjoy long life.
- ... so that it may go well with you.
- ... so that you may enter a land filled with all kinds of good things.
- ... so that it may go well with you and you may go in and take over the good land that the Lord promised.
- ... so that we might always prosper and be kept alive.
- ... so that he will love you and bless you and increase your numbers.
- ... so that you will be blessed more than any other people.
- ... so that you may live and increase and enter and possess the Lord promised.

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land.

God's commands come out of a Father's heart of love. They are His kind and loving instructions for a wonderful life.

2. He has always loved us.

(Luke 5:11-24)

- Rather than the disgrace we deserve, we receive forgiveness and love.
- While the boy was still a long way off, his father saw him.
(It appears that the father had been waiting and watching, and had never forgotten his son.)
- "His heart pounding, he ran out and embraced him and kissed him.
(The word used implies that he kissed him over and over again.)
- He treated him as an honoured guest, giving him the best robe.
- He gave him a sign of confidence by putting the family ring on his finger.
- He put sandals, reserved not for slaves but for sons, on his feet.
- He plans a lavish celebration party.
(Heaven is a party, a celebration.)

Lies we have believed about God include any that suggest he is other than loving and giving and forgiving toward all who acknowledge Him as their Heavenly Father.

3. Trust or Control

To the degree that we don't believe God loves us, to that degree we won't trust Him.

Trust means:

- ... we may not know how it's going to work out.
- ... we may not know what the end result will be.
- ... we may not be able to determine how things will happen.
- ... we don't place any conditions on the outcome (no terms or conditions).
- ... it doesn't depend on His blessing us.
- ... we give Him free range to do as He pleases.

Because I know that God loves me too, I place my life in His hands and trust Him.
