

Renewed Series Week 3 Renewed Love

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Today is week three of our current sermon series called Renewed. We believe that God wants each of us to live the full lives that he promises us in John 10:10.

John 10:10 “The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”

John 10:10 “A thief has only one thing in mind—he wants to steal, slaughter, and destroy. But I have come to *give you everything in abundance, more than you expect*—life in its fullness until you overflow!” TPT

Today, we want to look at the renewed love that God wants us to develop toward him.

1. WHEN SOMEONE LOVES SOMETHING, IT IS OBVIOUS

“We love others best when we love God most”. (Kyle Idleman)

Revelation 2:1-5

1-3 “To the angel of the church of Ephesus write,

‘These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands: “I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name’s sake and have not become weary.”

4-5 “Nevertheless, I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.”

2. A LOVE NEGLECTED IS A LOVE LOST

Of all the disciples in the New Testament, Peter may have been the most zealous. Peter forgot his first love. Out of fear that he too might be arrested, he distances himself from Jesus.

We know what it is like to love Jesus with our whole hearts and at the same time, we know what it is like to keep Jesus at arm’s length.

- If you were to look back on the last 24 hours of your life, how much of that day would point to your love for God?

3. JESUS OFFERS US A SECOND CHANCE

On the beach, Jesus renewed his commitment to Peter and gave Peter the chance to do the same.

John 21:15-17

So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love (*agape*) Me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love (*phileo*) You.” He said to him, “Feed My lambs.”

He said to him again a second time, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love (*agape*) Me?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love (*phileo*) You.” He said to him, “Tend My sheep.”

He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love (*phileo*) Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love (*phileo*) You.” Jesus said to him, “Feed My sheep.

- *Agape* love is the highest form of love and is a love that is sacrificial.
- *Phileo* love is a brotherly love that exists between close friends.
- A sincere love is a love that has the ability to grow over time.

There is no amount of brokenness in our lives that can keep us from the love of God.

4. OUR LOVE FOR GOD CAN BE RENEWED

Today I want to invite you to renew your love for God and recommit to fostering a relationship with him. There are two practical ways to do this.

- **Create a special time and place to spend time with God.**
- **Take part in a random act of kindness.** Choose to express your love for God by expressing love to someone else.

Take time this week to renew your love with God.