

NCS MESSAGE GUIDE

TOPIC: God loves us and He likes us

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 2:8-9

CENTRAL TRUTH: God cares about us beyond an obligatory love

PRAYER: Father help me to recognize the affection you have for me and use it to pursue you with all I have.

Scripture

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- not by works, so that no one can boast.

Message Summary

Often times when we think of how God could ever love us we tend to give reasons why He shouldn't. We persuade ourselves that even if God loved us enough to die for us, it is simply because he has to, not because he wants to. But God loves us where we are at AND he likes us. We are His creation and even though we are broken people He daily chooses us and is proud of who we are. We are not a mistake to Him or someone He merely has to love. We don't have to audition for this love. Rather it is freely given to us as salvation through Him that none of us are able to prove we deserve.

Questions to Consider

1. Do you personally struggle with think God loves you and He likes you? Why or why not?
2. Why is it important to recognize that God chooses us and that we are not a burden to Him?
3. How do we love others better knowing this?

Daily Spiritual Practice

Monday

- Listen to "When it comes to you" by RNW

Tuesday

- Read Ephesians 2 and reflect on how God loves us

Wednesday

- Write out a list of things that are great about you

Thursday

- Tell someone close with you, who you can trust, about your list

Friday

- Listen to the song "Come as you are" by David Crowder