

[00:00:00] Speaker A: Welcome to the Hope Church Glasgow Sunday podcast. We pray you encounter God's love afresh today. Find out more about us@hopechurchglasgow.org or find us on Facebook and Instagram. Now, please enjoy this week's podcast.

[00:00:18] Speaker B: I'm going to share a few testimonies with you. Then we're going to dive into our series on Forget not his benefits, Psalm 103.

And I'm really excited to do that. It fits right in with Father's Day. Well, we did jig things around slightly, but fits right in the testimonies I want to share with you guys.

First of all, we've been trying to get our house on the market. There is a for sale sign. It's not quite online, but that should happen tomorrow.

So we had all the pictures done and we're very excited about that.

[00:00:58] Speaker C: And then the same day

[00:01:01] Speaker B: we had an offer on a house accepted.

So, yes, yes, that was the fourth

[00:01:09] Speaker C: house I think we put in an offer on.

[00:01:11] Speaker B: And, you know, we were varying places in the list, but it was very stressful because sometimes you're putting in an offer over 20% more than what the asking price is and you just don't know what's going on. But we had an offer accepted in Crookston, so we're quite happy with that as a location.

It's quite accessible to a lot of different people. It's just inside the Glasgow postcode. Not that that's better than anyone who doesn't have that, but it's better. No, I'm just kidding.

No, but we're excited. We're very excited and I want to thank you all for praying. It's been very challenging trying to figure out how to do all this, but it's, yeah, God is in it and each step we're seeing his faithfulness.

Another cool little story.

I was in wix.

Wix, B and Q and Screw Fix are like my second homes, right? And I've been getting to know them a little bit in there, just with the. The occasional chat with the people at the checkout. And there was one woman who was helping me and she had this terrible cough and I said, oh, that doesn't sound good. Are you alright? She's like, oh, I can't seem to shake this. I've had it for about 15 weeks and I cannot get a doctor's appointment. I'm trying, you know, but I finally got one coming up and I said, well, do you know, would it be all right if I prayed for you?

You know, I believe God heals And she. She's like, yeah, okay. So prayed for her, didn't feel anything specific. I just said, I'm looking forward to hearing.

[00:02:52] Speaker C: Went back

[00:02:55] Speaker B: a week and a half later or so. And she was helping me in the line, but I didn't recognize her at first. But when I put my card on, for some reason, it beeped extra long. It

was like, beep.

[00:03:06] Speaker C: And I was like, boy, that's weird, isn't it?

You know, this machine's trying to get my attention, telling me to stop spending money or something.

[00:03:15] Speaker B: And we had a good laugh. And then I recognized her.

[00:03:17] Speaker C: I said, oh, yes, we prayed together, didn't we? She said, oh, it's you. She said, yeah. Do you know what happened? I got completely better. I still had. She's like, I still had my doctor's appointment, and I had waited that long. I thought, I need to go see him.

[00:03:30] Speaker B: But she's like, I'm here now, but I'm all better.

[00:03:33] Speaker C: And he checked me and said, oh, yeah, you're all better. There's nothing there. She's like, I know. You know?

[00:03:42] Speaker B: So, yeah, so we celebrated God there. It was quite good. So step out. You just never know what's. What God's gonna do. So that was fun.

So, yeah. I want to remind you what this series about Psalm 103 is about.

And the. The first half we're going to sort of gloss over the verses that we're talking about today.

[00:04:08] Speaker C: It's. This series is not necessarily meant to

[00:04:11] Speaker B: be a deep dive hermeneutic study into the Mechanics of Psalm 103 as much as it is.

[00:04:19] Speaker C: Taking the psalmist's first verse, where he

[00:04:23] Speaker B: says, bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me. Bless his holy name. Second verse, bless the Lord, O my soul.

[00:04:29] Speaker C: And forget not his benefits.

And what the psalmist then does is he lists some things that are on

[00:04:38] Speaker B: his heart, that are benefits of the

[00:04:40] Speaker C: Lord, that are incredibly important for his soul.

And the. The main message is, hey, don't forget about God.

[00:04:49] Speaker B: Don't forget all the goodness of the Lord.

[00:04:52] Speaker C: Don't forget his benefits. Because it's so easy to go through this life and we're getting hit this way and that way with different challenges, and we forget. It just goes out of our head.

So the psalmist has done a really great job at mentioning a bunch of things. And it's not a specific list, but you can identify some pockets of, you

[00:05:14] Speaker B: know, of themes and you can talk about those things.

[00:05:17] Speaker C: But in the series, you know, this isn't an exhaustive list. And we all have different things that the Lord has done that it's important to remember. And this is meant to inspire us in this season. Hey, remember.

Remember what he's done.

It's an important part of remembering so that we can get through the things that we've got to get through.

[00:05:38] Speaker B: Amen.

So we haven't covered all of these verses leading up to verses 8 through 14, but we're skipping those to get to the bit about the dad because it's Father's Day, obviously, and today we're going to celebrate God as a good father. And really this corresponds with a prophetic word that I believe God's given me for that's wider than just our church. I believe it applies much wider for the church as a whole in this season and also for non churched people.

So we're going to. The second half of the sermon is going to be sort of on what that is. But let's just race through these verses here.

Going to start in verse seven, it

[00:06:28] Speaker C: says, he made known his ways to

[00:06:31] Speaker B: Moses and his acts to the people of Israel.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him.

[00:07:03] Speaker C: As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove

[00:07:07] Speaker B: our transgressions from us.

As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame. He remembers that we are dust.

So those are the verses that we're going to talk about and we're going to capitalize on verse 13.

But I want to just go back and just see.

This is a reference here to an Old Covenant revelation.

And this is a pretty sweet revelation, right? This is a glimpse behind the curtains of the law and the curtains of the prophets, and a little bit of insight right into the heart of God through the Old Covenant.

And the Old Covenant is referenced here in verse seven.

[00:07:55] Speaker C: It says he made his. No, his ways known to Moses, His

[00:08:00] Speaker B: Acts to the people of Israel.

[00:08:02] Speaker C: And then the next line, verse 8 is actually a direct quotation from Exodus. I think it's chapter 34, where Moses is given the second set of tablets

[00:08:16] Speaker B: and he's about to hear from God.

[00:08:18] Speaker C: And it's like Moses is saying, hey,

[00:08:22] Speaker B: I Want to see your glory to God. And God says, I'm going to tell you my name and I'm going to show you my backside.

You can't handle the whole thing right now, but I'm going to show you that.

[00:08:38] Speaker C: And when he tells him his name,

[00:08:41] Speaker B: he says, I am the Lord, the Lord. And then he gives this exact quotation of verse 8. The Lord is the Lord, merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

[00:08:55] Speaker C: So this is a direct reference to

[00:08:58] Speaker B: the old covenant here. It's an old covenant revelation.

And sometimes it seemed like God's, you know, anger with the people of Israel wasn't very slow.

[00:09:13] Speaker C: But the reality was in this covenant between God and His people, God never

[00:09:20] Speaker B: relented in his steadfast love to pursue his people.

[00:09:24] Speaker C: He never stepped back from his side.

And the more that the people stepped away from God, God's pursuit in love caused a great deal of uncomfortableness as

[00:09:37] Speaker B: the people of God continued to reject him. And over and over, you see them going through this cycle of God pursuing them and them rejecting them, and them going through suffering and then repenting and coming back and God embracing them.

[00:09:52] Speaker C: And it's all leading up to this

[00:09:54] Speaker B: great final act when the covenant would be fulfilled and shifted in Jesus.

[00:10:00] Speaker C: But like I said, you get a glimpse behind the curtain behind that covenant

[00:10:04] Speaker B: in these verses that he doesn't deal with us according to our sins or repay us according to our mercy or according to our iniquities. He deals with us according to his mercy.

And then you have verses 11 and 12.

[00:10:21] Speaker C: For as high as the heavens are

[00:10:23] Speaker B: above the earth, so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him, we get the dimensions of God's love as high as the heavens are above the earth.

[00:10:37] Speaker C: And then he says, as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions. We get the dimensions of his mercy.

And I love this.

It's as high as the heavens, stretches as high vertically as you can imagine and as wide horizontally as you can imagine.

And figuratively, this just paints a picture

[00:11:01] Speaker B: of the cross for me.

[00:11:03] Speaker C: I think about the incredible depth and breadth of God's mercy and love. And I just envision the cross standing, you know, not just 8ft, 10ft tall, I don't know how tall it was, but an infinitely amount comprised of love and these arms stretched out wide and not just the span of a man, but encompassing the entire world of mercy.

You know, to say, this is how far I've Put your sins. And it's so expansive in Christ.

And there's a foreshadowing here in the, in the language to express the heart of the Father in a way of saying there's room for the entire cosmos.

There is no corner of this planet that my love cannot penetrate. And there is no degree of depravity that cannot be removed from your identity.

And it's this beautiful foreshadowing of the one who would, who would finally reveal

[00:12:17] Speaker B: the realities in the law and in the prophets.

Christ, Jesus.

And verse 13 caps it off by saying, as a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

He remembers our frame.

He remembers that we're mere dust.

It's not to say that we're lowly dust, that we don't matter.

[00:12:54] Speaker C: It's just to say that he, you know, like our children, when our children

[00:13:00] Speaker B: struggle with us, when they're not doing

[00:13:03] Speaker C: well, when they didn't do something that

[00:13:05] Speaker B: they were supposed to do, whatever it is, when they struggle, we don't just

[00:13:10] Speaker C: look at them and just say, that's it, you're done.

But there's this compassion within us, this

[00:13:16] Speaker B: God inbuilt compassion that he put in our hearts that actually is meant to be triggered.

I was having a conversation with somebody this other day and I was confessing that there are times where I may have raised my voice at my children.

It may have happened once or twice a week.

Yeah, you know, there's definitely been times where I've raised my voice. And sometimes when I've raised my voice at my children, the worst thing is when you see a tear in their eye and you're like, okay.

And especially if they're like still like meeting your eye and like trying to be brave.

And you know, they want to be

[00:14:09] Speaker C: brave, but they're hurting.

[00:14:12] Speaker B: And you realize, oh, my anger did that. Oh, is absolutely excruciating for me. And there's nothing that calls me up short so much as that. There's nothing that triggers that compassion within me that kind of goes, wow, okay.

And then I have to repent. You know, I'm sorry that I was harsh.

[00:14:34] Speaker C: And you know, even the Lord sometimes expresses anger because when, when the scripture talks about wrath, what is. The Lord hates anything that would destroy connection.

He hates anything that would destroy relationship. He hates anything that would destroy his children.

He is so against anything that's going to pull you away from him.

And just like a dad, the thing that's absolutely.

[00:15:07] Speaker B: I'm giving you insight into all my failings here.

[00:15:09] Speaker C: But the thing that winds me up

[00:15:11] Speaker B: more than anything is when one kid is mean to another.

I've got a lot of patience for most things.

[00:15:16] Speaker C: But then you're like defending a kid, but you can. So then that makes it feel more

[00:15:22] Speaker B: okay to get, like, heated.

[00:15:25] Speaker C: But you're defending. You could be defending a kid against one of your own kids.

[00:15:29] Speaker B: And then it's like, oh, no.

[00:15:31] Speaker C: And when they're both at each other, you can yell at both of them and it can feel right at the time.

[00:15:35] Speaker B: But of course it's no, because you want to come in the right spirit. But what was my point?

Compassion.

When you come to that place where compassion is triggered and you connect with God, there's a whole different resource going on. And even though God may sometimes feel that way, even though the wrath of God may sometimes be activated over things that are causing destruction in our life, it is always for our restoration.

It is always to bring us back into that place. And he remembers that we are weak.

[00:16:22] Speaker C: He remembers that we're dust.

[00:16:24] Speaker B: And so instead of having this, this harsh, you should be doing better kind

[00:16:30] Speaker C: of thing, sometimes we imagine God doing.

[00:16:33] Speaker B: He's compassionate towards us, he's gentle towards us. He remembers that we're weak. And that's what that verse is supposed to remind us.

So that's the sort of overview of that. But I, I'm.

[00:16:46] Speaker C: We're not stopping the discussion on God being a good Father, but in this is really, in this word that I

[00:16:54] Speaker B: felt God gave me, like, we'll start for the nation was in alignment with

[00:16:59] Speaker C: this whole series of forget not his benefits. And the word was this. I don't know if you remember in

[00:17:05] Speaker B: Scripture when Philip asked Jesus to show

[00:17:08] Speaker C: him the Father, just show us the Father.

[00:17:12] Speaker B: He wanted a sign.

[00:17:14] Speaker C: Show us the Father and we'll believe.

And Jesus reaction was, have I been with you this long and you do not remember, you do not know me.

Have I been with you this long

[00:17:26] Speaker B: and you do not know me?

[00:17:29] Speaker C: Now I remember when I had the

[00:17:31] Speaker B: revelation that Jesus was the real deal, that he was alive, he was paying attention.

[00:17:36] Speaker C: And one of my first thoughts was, it was so obvious.

Like, I've heard about this Jesus all my life, but I had always thought that if there was going to be some, like, deep spiritual, that it was going to be some mysterious thing through

[00:17:54] Speaker B: secret books or, like, I don't know,

[00:17:57] Speaker C: I was going to encounter something through,

[00:18:00] Speaker B: like, I wasn't like, I don't know, traveling to Tibet or, you know, going

[00:18:06] Speaker C: through some kind of weird long journey Meditating for a billion years or spinning around a thousand times or doing this drug or whatever it is. You know, there's lots of ways that the world seeks for genuine spirituality. And I always thought it was going to be one of those things that was a little bit harder to find. But this was so obvious. There's churches on every corner. Like, we've had the Bible for centuries. And I didn't know, like, why didn't we know? It was so obvious.

And it is this thing.

Jesus was obvious, and he's like, have I been with you this long and you didn't know me? And this is really our nation.

Like, he's been with us. He's been visible.

He's not been hiding in a corner. He's been transparent. And our nation has had so many opportunities to kind of know him and to respond.

And sometimes you can hear the pain in Jesus's voice, you know, through the apostles. Have I been with you so long and you don't know me?

Thankfully, there's also mercy. He didn't say that in a way that said, I'm done with you. It was quite the opposite. He was about to fill them with a spirit of revelation that would leave them in relationship and leave them carrying

[00:19:23] Speaker B: something far greater than they had in their own. In their own humanity.

[00:19:29] Speaker C: But I felt like the Lord is saying this to the nation, but he wasn't just saying it to the nation. He was saying it to us because it's so clear, it's so easy for us to forget.

To forget all that he's done.

And he was definitely saying this to me specifically because I was getting really

[00:19:47] Speaker B: stressed out about, you know, are we going to have things ready for the. For the house? And are you going to provide us with the right house and the right

[00:19:56] Speaker C: school and all these things that, you know, they're. They're really easy for God, but because they're so far out of my control,

[00:20:05] Speaker B: it's easy for me to get stressed about them.

[00:20:08] Speaker C: And it was like the Lord was reminding me of all the times he's

[00:20:12] Speaker B: come through for me.

[00:20:13] Speaker C: You know, there was a time when,

[00:20:16] Speaker B: when I was in Ukraine, I did my DTS with Ywam in Ukraine.

And I had really felt at the end of this season that I was supposed to leave. But they were saying to me, oh, I think you should stay longer.

[00:20:29] Speaker C: But I really felt I should leave.

[00:20:30] Speaker B: I wasn't sure where I should go, but I felt it was done.

[00:20:33] Speaker C: And the school had break and a friend had said, come to Western Ukraine and meet Me.

[00:20:43] Speaker B: And I said, okay, I think I will, but I'll call you later on today.

[00:20:47] Speaker C: And I decided I would go to

[00:20:48] Speaker B: Western Ukraine and pray about whether I was going to continue with the school.

[00:20:53] Speaker C: So I decided I would go. I packed my bag, I went to the station.

[00:20:56] Speaker B: I got there, asked them what time the train was, and they said, oh,

[00:20:59] Speaker C: the train's leaving in 10 minutes.

[00:21:00] Speaker B: I thought I was there an hour early. I was like, oh, no.

[00:21:02] Speaker C: I raced to the platform.

[00:21:04] Speaker B: There was a phone on the platform. And I called up the guys, and

[00:21:06] Speaker C: I said, hey, can I talk to Oleg?

[00:21:08] Speaker B: Oh, Oleg's not here.

[00:21:09] Speaker C: Oh, right. Well.

[00:21:10] Speaker B: And I'm saying all this in broken Russian, and. And I'm like, tell Oleg that I'm coming.

[00:21:15] Speaker C: I'm getting on the train right now. The train was earlier. I should be there at such and such a time if he can meet

[00:21:19] Speaker B: me, because I don't have the address, but I'll be there at the station.

And she said, oh, you know, Oleg's not here.

[00:21:30] Speaker C: I don't really understand, but I need to go, so just tell Oleg Oleg's not here. I don't know Oleg. I'm like, wait, what?

[00:21:36] Speaker B: What?

[00:21:37] Speaker C: I don't know. And I realized it's the wrong number.

[00:21:40] Speaker B: I'm like, I don't have his number.

[00:21:42] Speaker C: Do I get on the train or do I not get on the train? I'm like, well, I need to renew

[00:21:46] Speaker B: my visa anyway, and Western Ukraine's fairly close to Budapest, so I'll just get on the train and go to Budapest

[00:21:52] Speaker C: and I'll renew my visa. Made perfect sense, except for what I didn't realize is Budapest was really far

[00:21:59] Speaker B: away from where I was getting on the train.

It turns out I could not find out where he was.

[00:22:06] Speaker C: So I got on another train to

[00:22:07] Speaker B: go to Budapest, and it cost a lot of money by the time I got to Budapest, and I was only in Ukraine on a single entry visa, so I couldn't get back in.

[00:22:18] Speaker C: I found out how much it was

[00:22:20] Speaker B: going to cost me, and they said,

[00:22:22] Speaker C: we can't see you for 10 days.

It was going to cost all the

[00:22:26] Speaker B: money I had in order to get this visa. I was going to have to be

[00:22:30] Speaker C: there for 10 days, and I would have had \$5 a day to live

[00:22:35] Speaker B: off of for those 10 days. The cheapest youth hostel was \$7 a day.

So I was like, well, I could get a youth hostel for half the time and not eat at all.

[00:22:44] Speaker C: Or I could eat and sleep under a bridge.

I'm just like, okay, Lord.

[00:22:50] Speaker B: And Because I had left.

[00:22:51] Speaker C: I was stuck.

[00:22:52] Speaker B: You know, There was nothing else I could do. I didn't know anyone in Budapest.

[00:22:55] Speaker C: So I'm like, lord, you gotta come through.

[00:22:58] Speaker B: And I pray. And I felt like. He said, call an international church. So I went into a youth hostel. I explained my situation. They called this person. This person came and connected me with these other people and bought me a week's pass on all of their rail and bus.

[00:23:12] Speaker C: And that week, I ended up.

[00:23:16] Speaker B: They ended up letting me free into all the museums.

[00:23:21] Speaker C: I just traveled all around Budapest. I stayed in these people's houses.

I met this great group of people

[00:23:27] Speaker B: that went to this university called Bethany College of Missions.

And I knew that that's where I was supposed to go after Ukraine.

And I had no money to go there.

[00:23:38] Speaker C: But it was the most amazing week I've ever had. I just saw God's faithfulness every day of that week when there was no way that I could come through. And I did end up going to Bethany. I had no money. I showed up, I said, I have

[00:23:52] Speaker B: no money, no way to pay the tuition.

And they said, well, each quarter your tuition will be due. And I was so, like, in a hard place from my time in Ukraine, where I had tried to raise money

[00:24:07] Speaker C: and nobody gave anything because I knew that I wasn't supposed to stay. But my leader said, just try to raise support and you'll know if people

[00:24:16] Speaker B: give you that, you're supposed to come. I'm like, oh, that sounds like a good idea. Until I.

[00:24:20] Speaker C: Until I had to suffer all that rejection.

I'm like, I knew I wasn't supposed to come, but then I said to the Lord, I am not asking anyone for money again.

[00:24:31] Speaker B: So there I was at university, and the end of the first quarter came, and the administrator came and dropped an envelope on the table and went away. And I thought, this is my ejection letter. And I opened it up, and it was a receipt.

[00:24:42] Speaker C: Somebody had paid for my fees.

I didn't ask anybody, and I didn't know. And every single quarter, I got another receipt, every single quarter until my whole degree was paid for.

And I've seen, you know, envelopes of mysterious cash in my windshield. And just miracle after miracle after miracle of God taking me by the hand and leading me into.

Into the steps that he's calling me into. And yet I still worry about how he's going to provide.

And I hear Jesus saying so clearly, have I been with you so long and you still do not know me?

And it's. It's part of it is like a, like joking.

There's, like, there's, you know, it's not. I, I can feel him sort of like teasing me in a kind way.

[00:25:40] Speaker B: It's like, you gotta remember who I am.

[00:25:45] Speaker C: And I know he's saying that to his bride.

You gotta remember who I am.

Because what Jesus point was is if you've seen me, you've seen the Father.

The law and the prophets was showing the Father as through a veil.

But Hebrews says Jesus was the exact

[00:26:15] Speaker B: imprint of the character of God.

[00:26:18] Speaker C: He was the visible, tangible glory of God in humanity.

The Father on full HD reality display on this earth.

And so many missed him.

So many completely missed him. And we still miss him. Today.

I just, I was thinking about my own father.

[00:26:51] Speaker B: You know, my father, he passed away quite Suddenly. He was 59. 59 years old.

Gosh, almost out of time. I haven't even looked at my notes.

My dad was,

[00:27:16] Speaker C: He had it kind

[00:27:17] Speaker B: of rough, you know, but I never doubted his love.

And throughout all that we're doing right now, there are so many times that I want to call him, you know, and say, oh, this is going on.

[00:27:32] Speaker C: We're moving here. You know, we're doing this. And you know, even though he had it rough and he went through it, he's. I never doubted that he loved me

[00:27:43] Speaker B: throughout all of his problems and he had a lot. I never doubted that he loved me.

[00:27:48] Speaker C: And I know that the Father showed

[00:27:50] Speaker B: me his love through him.

You know, the Father showed me his love through him.

[00:27:58] Speaker C: It was broken and my father, you know, it was embedded in, in the brokenness of this man.

But God showed me his love.

And my mother also died quite young

[00:28:12] Speaker B: and she also had a lot of brokenness.

[00:28:15] Speaker C: And so it's like, yeah, I would

[00:28:16] Speaker B: like to call her, you know, and explain to her what's going on and

[00:28:19] Speaker C: tell her, I know that in heaven they're celebrating, but. But I was just thinking it would be great for them to hear what's

[00:28:26] Speaker B: happening in my life. I'd love to have that conversation, just say, hey, this is what's going on,

[00:28:30] Speaker C: you know, but, Ah, but the Lord was like, hey, did you know that I am the source of all love?

And so when they were loving you, I was loving you.

I When it says God is love the source, he is the source of all true love.

All true love. So he loves to love his children by any means possible.

And he will choose to use the people in your life to show you love. He will choose to use your parents. And even though it's broken.

And. And if your parents don't love you, he will release other people.

And. And the Lord also wants you to experience his spirit directly.

But what he was saying to me in this moment, as I was missing my dad coming up to Father's Day and missing my mom, he was saying, that love that you were receiving from

[00:29:51] Speaker B: them, you have right now.

[00:29:54] Speaker C: I know you. You don't have them, but you have the. The essence of that love that. I am right here. And I have been with you every day. Day of your life, and I am not with you now. So do not lament.

Yes, you will see them again. This is what it means that we do not mourn as the world mourns. Yes, you will see them again, but you are not alone.

Do not sit down.

Do not. Do not feel sorry for yourself.

You have the fullness of me. I am here with you. And. And it was that thing. Have I been with you so long and you still do not know me?

I have not left you. I have not forsake you. And that is not happening.

And the reality of the breadth of that love, the.

You know, the height of it, as far as from the heavens to the earth, and the reality of how far he's removed my transgressions as far as the east is in the west, stretches right into the timeline of my life from the moment I was being knit together in my mother's womb. Can you.

Every moment of your life, you have been loved, whether you've seen it or not. He has walked with you.

He has been with you. He has been with you so long.

So know him.

Know him. Because the Lord wants to continue to love this world. He wants the height and the breadth and the width and the depth of his love. He wants all the dimensions to shine fully through you.

And the reality is, as we gaze upon the fullness of his face and we get a fresh revelation. Do you know that the covenant that we're living in right now is not even the final revelation of Jesus?

John had a revelation of Jesus when he was walking with him and talking with him in the flesh. But there came a moment when he had a fresh revelation of the God with eyes blazing like fire and hair white blazing with a glory that we can't possibly imagine. And one day we're going to have that revelation.

One day we're going to stand in the presence of that. When every fear is burned away, every worry is consumed, every. Every disappointment is lost in the reality of a God who is so much more glorious and wonderful than we can comprehend this is the reality of who he is.

But he wants the world to experience all of his love through you and me. And. And as we gaze upon him, we're transformed into that same degree of glory.

He wants us to be able to actually say, if you've seen me, you've seen the Father.

This isn't just about for fathers, it's for mothers.

He expresses himself through fathers and mothers. And he wants to express his father heart

through every single one of us. On this Father's Day, there's an invitation to. To stand in the stream of divine love that is rushing through eternity from the cross and allow that love to be channeled through us, the love of the Father to hit our neighbors and our children and our parents and our cousins and our brothers and the strangers you meet everywhere.

[00:33:46] Speaker B: Because I think the only appropriate response

[00:33:51] Speaker C: is to just say yes.

We don't want to be among those who walk with you for so long and have you then turn around and say, have I been with you so long and you do not know me. But thank you, Lord. That is not our future.

That is not our destiny. That is not our call. That's not who we are.

And so for our. For ours, Lord, we just say thank you.

[00:34:15] Speaker A: Thank you.

[00:34:15] Speaker C: We acknowledge that you are moving in our life every moment of every day.

And we thank you for this reminder. And we just say yes to your ways.

[00:34:25] Speaker B: In Jesus name, amen.

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