

Three Things God Wants You to Know

Mark 1:9-13

1. You are my child.

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! (1 John 3:1)

Can a mother forget her nursing child? Can she feel no love for a child she has borne? But even if that were possible, I would not forget you! (Isaiah 49:15, NLT)

2. I love you.

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge-- that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God (Ephesians 3:17b-19).

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love (1 John 4:18).

3. Live your life to please Me.

"Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven (Matthew 6:1).

So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it (2 Corinthians 5:9).

Tracy, the rest of this is not on the bulletin outline. Mike, as you'll see (one day) from the manuscript, these three phrases end the sermon. Would you make slides for these, displaying the first as I say it, and adding the second and then the third as I say them. Leave them on the screen through the invitation.

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