

Part 6: Yes, Jesus Loves Me Pastor Grant Fishbook August 6 & 7, 2011

My Marching Orders for This Weekend

"Return home and tell how much God has done for you." – Luke 8:39

Why do I distance myself from a God who faithfully and consistently responds in love?

Two reasons: 1) I don't really trust him

2) I don't really believe that he loves me

A Truth That I'm Learning

Don't build your theology around your disasters. Your circumstance does not reveal how much God loves you, and if you spend your life staring at your disasters and disappointments you will miss God's love entirely.

Ephesians 3:17-18 says, "And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ..."

Key Truth: It's easier to trust someone when you know they love you.

The bottom line: I need to live like I'm loved.

My Honest Prayer to God		

Next Steps

Take time this week to write your honest prayer to God, telling him where you are in your relationship with him – whether it's good, bad or indifferent. Tell him what kind of relationship you want to have with him, and ask him to help that relationship become a reality through the grace and forgiveness Jesus offers and the power of the Holy Spirit in you.

Small Group Questions

- 1) Are you afraid of heights? What is the best or worst experience you have had regarding heights?
- 2) Read Luke 8:39. What has God done for you this summer?
- 3) How would you describe the love of God to a person who does not know God?
- 4) Have you ever struggled in your relationship with God over a long period of time? What was the issue and what did you learn on the journey?
- 5) My prayer is that you can fully immerse yourself in the love of God this week. Knowing that he loves you, is there an area of your life where he is asking you to fully trust him? What area?
- 6) How can we pray for you today?