

You Are Loved And So Are They

You Are Loved

- Romans 8:38-39
- What kind of “knowing” do we have?
 - “informed” vs. “experienced”
- Fundamental to our faith
 - freedom
 - joy
 - trust
- Motivates our behaviour

Questions to Ponder

- Do you believe, deep down, that you are loved by God?
- How have you experienced God's love for you
 - ...over time?
 - ...recently?

And So Are They

- "Old Turtle and the Broken Truth"
- Luke 10:25-37
 - The Good Samaritan
- Luke 15
 - The Lost Sheep
 - The Lost Coin
 - The Lost Son
- Matthew 18:21-35
 - The Unmerciful Servant
- Jonah 4
- God's love should move us to greater compassion and grace, rather than judgement and bitterness.
- Compare and Contrast:
 - The Older Brother, The Unmerciful Servant, Jonah
 - Mother Theresa, Moravian Missionaries
- “Who am I to try to separate someone from the love of God?”

Questions to Ponder

- How has knowing that you are loved motivated you to show love to someone else?
- Have you ever been like Jonah or the older brother or the unmerciful servant?
- “You are loved and so are they.” Do you know, or have you heard of, someone who genuinely lives like this is true? What does that look like? What would it look like in your life?

Roadblocks

- To knowing—and living like—we are loved:
 - poor examples
 - difficulty and disappointments in life
- To knowing—and living like—"they" are loved:
 - selfishness
 - fear
 - hurt