ROOTED

Loved Into Loving

Week 1 of 5 · God-loving

The Five Anchors

1. **God-loving** — This week
2. Christ-centred
3. Spirit-filled
4. Word-grounded
5. Disciple-making

And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.

Mark 12:30

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28 · THE UNBREAKABLE GOOD

What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him.

1 Corinthians 2:9 · THE UNIMAGINABLE MORE

You cannot command
a heart to love.

So how does a heart come to love God?

You don't change
by trying harder.

**You change by
being loved better.**

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When the Elephant really wants to do something, I’m no match for him.



Jonathan Haidt • The Happiness Hypothesis

For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

Romans 7:15

So how does God do it?

And a ruler asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

Luke 18:18

HOW A PERSON CHANGES



We love because he first loved us.

1 John 4:19

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.

Romans 1:16

Her sins, which are many, are forgiven — for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.

Luke 7:47

HOW A PERSON CHANGES



And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you… And I will put my Spirit within you.

Ezekiel 36:26-27

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:18

So what actually changes?

What changes inside

1. You stop striving
2. You stop hiding
3. Your desires begin to change

Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

Psalm 73:25

Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.

Luke 19:8

And can anyone tell?

HOW A PERSON CHANGES



The Gospel · The Heart · The Life — there is no other road.

It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20

Where it shows first

1. **The people in your house**

   They notice before anyone at church does.

2. **The person who hurt you**

   You stop keeping the account.

3. **The person who doesn’t know Him yet**

   A coffee and an honest conversation.

She built houses for people who had lost everything.



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They spat on her.
The fire did not go out.

ONE THING

Ten unhurried minutes at His feet this week.

For no productive reason at all.

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The gospel. The heart. The life. Come and be loved.