

# Love of God - Part 2

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*God's love is seen in Jesus' actions towards those who are broken and in need of forgiveness, and it is our response to this love that determines our relationship with Him.*

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## Description

In this sermon, K.P. Ohanon discusses the profound love of God. He begins by emphasizing the importance of understanding God's love through the word of God. He then shares a story he recently paraphrased, imagining himself as a witness to a powerful event. The story portrays God's unconditional love and forgiveness, highlighting the fact that God does not condemn us but offers forgiveness because of His love. The sermon concludes with a description of Jesus' interaction with a woman who had sinned, illustrating how Jesus lovingly wiped away her tears and healed her soul.

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## Transcript

Discover the most precious loving act ever done today on the road to reality The love of God some have beautifully portrayed it through music and we've heard pastors teach on the subject we've also seen it on display in and through so many of our lives but if we want the perfect most accurate portrayal we open the word and that's what we'll do today on the road to reality with KP Yohannan of Gospel for Asia. We begin this week's broadcast with a story KP would like to paraphrase for us. Reading the story one night as a matter of fact just a couple of months ago it was late late into the night maybe one or two in the morning and I thought I'd like to write this story and paraphrase it so I can better understand it.

I imagined myself to be one of those people watching this whole event transpiring right in front of my eyes and maybe part of this I will read for you that can help you understand what love is all about. The sun was up casting purple shadows some of the mighty trees in the open space. A large crowd gathered around Jesus even at that hour to hear him teach.

Suddenly the silence was broken surge of angry men rushing toward Christ a pack of bloodthirsty wolves the scribes and the Pharisees. They did not come alone in their midst was the nameless woman a wounded lamb being dragged and pulled by strong muscled men whose faces and hearts were made of stone. They spat on her cursed her called her names she cried out with pain she struggled to get free from their iron grip but what use where could she run to who would give her shelter.

Finally she gives up they shout her at Jesus feet there she lay in a huddled heap trembling with fear sobbing bitterly had bowed in shame her dust-filled hair fell on her face body bruised from being dragged across the cobbled streets her dress was torn and stained with blood and dust. The irreligious self-righteous crowd spewed out their accusations at Jesus their words were cruel and sharp they had no mercy they spoke for God they believed they did not know they were talking to God. There was Christ surrounded by this angry mob I could not help but see his pain filled face his eyes with an infinite sadness he raised his head their shouting suddenly ceased.

His head he heard the demand this woman was caught in the act of adultery our Lord demands that she must be stoned to death and it must be done now what do you say. I wondered if they caught her in the act of adultery surely she could not have she could not have done it alone where is the man where is he to share in her shame and I said to myself it is not fair. Jesus did not answer them he stooped down slowly and deliberately begins to scribble in the dust with his index finger the very finger that once etched the law on the tablets of stone then Christ looked in the face of these men a piercing look and said he that is without sin let him cast a stone at her.

He continued writing in the dust what was he writing I could not see but suddenly I heard the thud of stone after stone falling on the ground one by one they turned around quietly hurrying away running to hide themselves from the bright light that had exposed their sins the crowd disappeared the wolves were gone no one stoned her I went closer to see her face I will never forget the look on her face eyes so distant so blank no defines left in her it was obvious she had given up her shoulders slumped forward her face looked all deep lines of pain etched upon it she was not humiliated by this experience she was beyond humiliation the stillness was broken only by her sobbing Christ stretched out his arms helped her to stand up from her heap of ashes her head still hung down weeping as she

covered her face with her dirty hands then with eyes full of grace and love he said to her woman where are those your accusers has no one condemned you she whispered no one lord no one lord he did not ask her any more questions he did not ask her about her past her sins her failures nothing he did not ask her for any explanations if only the stones could speak how many stories they will say about the men that held them in their tight grip if anyone could have asked should have asked it was he about her past but he wouldn't for her sins were against him and no one else but he was silent he understood her heart then he said to her neither do I condemn you her face lit up the sun rose on her face the wrinkles on her face suddenly disappeared her eyes no longer dull and colorless her eyes no

longer dull on colorless seems to flash in the morning sun she looked into his eyes trying to take him all in trying to understand the strange man who acted like no man she had ever met suddenly the rivers of tears began to run down her cheeks she cried a long time as though her soul was cleansing itself i will never forget what Jesus did next he reached down to her gently tenderly and wiped her tears from her face suddenly she stopped crying a smile broke out on her face her tear-filled eyes lit up and he cupped her face in his hands he held her face a long time not really looking at her but through her as though he was looking at her heart at all the scars on her soul it was as if he was healing her soul looking her sin away giving her beauty for ashes and then abruptly he let her face

go he turned to leave and simply said go in peace i love you when you read the stories of people in the bible these are very few words but you have to imagine the pain the deep heart if there was a camera someone invents to photograph your thoughts register every act of yours in secret every plan you have in your head frightening frightening isn't it yet we all stand condemned he without sin cast the first stone you

and i we pretend so much we act the role so many times we say the right words and offer the right prayers and read the bible passages and we talk about it and we answer the questions correctly yet you know deep down how much you need the grace the forgiveness but you know what he asked no questions he is not asking you just tell me all the stuff you have done he is not saying

come to the room let me turn the tape on watch the movie of your life he's not calling angels but tens of thousands who watch to you every act every event of your life and say testify about this individual bring conviction so i can help no he gives you the freedom says i ask no questions i only offer you forgiveness because i love you a wonderful picture of god's love huh and that's the same love he offers so graciously to us you're listening to kp yohannan on the road to reality from gospel for asia and before we return to kp i'd like to briefly tell you about this year's renewing your passion conference come and be refreshed and encouraged in your walk with the lord as you hear testimonies from the asian mission field kp will also be speaking to us and you'll enjoy heartfelt worship

prayer and fellowship with other believers who share your passion for christ and reaching the lost plan on joining us this year won't you it takes place in dallas texas july 11th through the 13th register early and find out more information at our website winasia.org that's winasia.org or call 866 win asia many of you have no doubt seen the movie the passion of the christ as kp returns now he draws our attention to the film's portrayal of peter's denial last night when you were watching the or all those of you watched the passion of the christ and i was right there on the on the street there and just watching part of it and then the section i watched was peter i mean how graphically it was portrayed and you remember the scene when mary tried to touch him and calls his name and he just

drive them away don't don't don't i denied him three times can you just imagine his feeling i mean when he was judas demons haunting him and his desperation oh you know you have to understand better of the situation and but thinking just put yourself in the shoes of judas the absolute the absolute hopelessness of being lost forever there's no return and he can't take it anymore so he must kill himself yet the fact remains he simply could have just like peter said lord i did it i did it i did it i looked to you he thought by giving the money back and trying to undo the past by his effort he could make it it won't work by killing himself and torturing himself there's no answer here the answer my friend is jesus my lord john's gospel chapter 21 verse 15 to 17 we read jesus after resurrection

coming to meet with peter do you realize that to the women all the disciples after his resurrection i mean nobody's name particularly mentioned as such except the way he mentioned peter's name go and tell my disciples i am oh by the way don't forget to tell peter where is peter he's not with us he's gone he went back to the old business he's back swollen he gave up find him tell him no wonder you read there in that passage in john's gospel chapter 21 peter do you love me peter never had to ask jesus i want to ask you one question he came after me do you love me i made a mess of everything he didn't have to he knew it is obvious for first century a historian writes about the last hours of peter's life from the prison cell they took his wife out to kill her to murder her and from the prison

cell as she was being taken away it says he spoke in loud voice crying out my wife don't forget how much he loved us don't forget we often sing these songs come thou found of every blessing tune my heart to sing thy grace streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise you know who wrote that the man who wrote that song his name is robert robinson he came to christ under the preaching of george whitfield the 18th century fiery preacher what powerful words but you know what happened sadly like it happens to many of us even some of you sitting here sadly robinson wandered away from the streams like

the prodigal son he journeyed into the distant country of carnality living in sin one day he was traveling in a stagecoach and sitting beside a young woman engrossed in her book

that she was reading she ran across a verse she thought was beautiful and asked what mr robert robinson thought about it sitting next to this woman he listened to the words asked this woman read it to him prone to wander lord i feel it prone to leave the god i love those words from the same song that he wrote busting into tears robinson said madam madam i am the poor unhappy man who wrote that hymn many years ago and i would give a thousand wars if i had them to enjoy the feelings i had then and that incident brought robert robinson back to the cross where the blood was shed for sinners like saul the nameless woman each one of us and for him and that turned his life around i want to ask you a simple question where are you today in your life in your journey in your walk with the lord do

you understand how much he loves you he cares about you he loved me and gave himself for me not only for my redemption no but also for my failures and struggles till the end of the journey he loved me not because i loved him or went after him no he came after me what great love what must be our response how do you respond to love like this i was reading a story that touched my heart a real story a protestant bishop of michigan once told this real story that he knew firsthand it was about a young talented actress and one day she was passing along the street of a large city seeing a pale sick girl lying upon a couch or a sofa just within the half open door of a beautiful dwelling she was walking by and saw through the open door this young sick without girl lying there this actress she

thought well let me go and maybe say some kind words and kind of encourage her and help her emotion a little bit so she went to talk to her but you know what happened the sick girl was a devoted christian girl she knew the lord jesus christ her words her patience her submission and heaven-lit countenance so demonstrated the spirit of her faith that actress who went to console her was so deeply convicted of her shallowness lack of reality she fell under conviction she surrendered her life to the lord jesus christ was thoroughly converted she then this actress told her father the leader of the theater troupe of her conversion and of desire to abandon the stage or acting business saying that she could not live a consistent christian life and follow the life of an actress her father was

astonished beyond measure and told his daughter that their living would be lost to them and their business would be ruined and said please don't give up loving your father dearly she was shaken somewhat in her purpose and partially consented to fill the published engagement to be met in a few days now listen close she was a star of the troupe the main leading actress so to say every preparation was made for the play in which she was to appear the evening came and the father rejoiced that he had won back his daughter and that their living was not to be lost the hour arrived a large audience had assembled the curtain rose and the young actor stepped forward amid the applause of the multitude in the midst of breathless silence of the audience with their eyes glowing with god's grace she

repeated these words written by william featherstone my jesus i love thee i know thou art mine for thee all the follies of sin i resign my gracious redeemer my savior art thou if ever i loved thee my jesus tis now i love thee because thou hast first loved me and purchased my pardon on calvary street i love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow if ever i love thee my jesus tis now i love thee in life i love thee in death and praise thee as long as thou lenders me breath and say when the death due lies cold on my brow if ever i love thee my jesus tis now in mansions of glory and endless delight i will ever adore thee in heaven so bright i will sing with the glittering crown on my brow if ever i loved thee my jesus tis now for thee for you all all the follies of sin i resign me he loved me

and gave himself for me it is no longer i that lives but christ well this is the road to reality the ministry of gospel for asia and you've been listening to kpo hannon the founder and director of gospel for asia he's been underscoring the love of god as we leave you today again i want to encourage you to join us for this year's renewing your passion conference not only will we hear from leaders from the mission field and kp himself but we'll spend a great deal of time in worship and prayer now there are advantages to registering and making accommodations early so that's why we want to give you these dates now to mark on your calendar it's in dallas texas july 11th through the 13th and we have the information you need and how to register at [winasia.org](http://winasia.org) again the web address [winasia.org](http://winasia.org) or

call toll free the number you can reach us and ask any questions you have about the conference is 866 win asia again 866 win asia the road to reality with kpo hannon brought to you by gospel for asia we'll see you next week at the same time when we'll again turn to god's word for encouragement

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