

Sunday 23rd June – Sermon Notes

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- Can you recall a favourite song/hymn that encapsulates the redeeming love of God in Jesus?

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The Holy Spirit helps us experience God’s love through one another.

- In what ways have you experienced God’s love recently?
- How can spending time in God’s presence drive out fear?
- How does it make you feel to know that the quality of God’s love toward you is:

UNCONDITIONAL
WHOLE-HEARTED
CONTINUAL

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