Sermon Notes

The Way of Agape Part 8
Affirming Love
January 10, 2021

Proverbs 18:21
21 The tongue has the power of life and death

1 John 4:16
16 And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.
God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

God is love and love is God.

The idea of loving through words of affirmation originated with God.

Because of His love, God speaks words of affirmation, words of support and encouragement to us.

Agape is a Greek word for God's perfect, unconditional love.

The highest form of love – it is selfless, sacrificial, and unconditional.
A perfect love that transcends our human capabilities and capacity.

Isaiah 54:10
10 Though the mountains be shaken
*   and the hills be removed,*
yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken
*   nor my covenant of peace be removed,"*
*   says the Lord, who has compassion on you.*

Exodus 34:6
6 …"The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness

It is impossible to know the love of God and hear His words of affirmation without reading His Word.

Psalm 103:8-12
8 The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
*   slow to anger, abounding in love.*
9 He will not always accuse,
*   nor will he harbor his anger forever;*
10 he does not treat us as our sins deserve
*   or repay us according to our iniquities.*
11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
*   so great is his love for those who fear him;*

12 as far as the east is from the west,
* so far has he removed our transgressions from us.*

It is God's Agape love that compels Him to do all He does.

"If we ever got our hearts back, lived from them with courage, we would be a big problem to the enemy. He fears us - we are very dangerous to him. So he will launch an all-out assault at us and go straight to our hearts with pinpoint accuracy."

Adapted from "Wild at Heart" by John Eldridge

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