

What Jesus Believes about You
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We are engaged in a series about **What Jesus Believes**.

Last week we explored **what Jesus believes about Himself**.

This morning I want to consider **What Jesus Believes about You**.

Ever wonder how Jesus feels about you?

Is it even possible to know what what Jesus really and truly believe about you?

I believe it is.

In fact, I believe it's not only possible to know what Jesus believes about us; I believe it is absolutely essential to know what Jesus believes about us.

I'm convinced that if we ever saw ourselves as God sees us; if we ever knew what God truly believed and felt about us – that our lives would be forever changed.

Most of us walk around full of **self-doubt**, if not **self-loathing**, **with a self-image that is based on what we believe others think and feel about us**.

I've heard it said that when it comes to self-image:

I am not what I think I am.

I am not what others think I am.

I am what I *think* others think I am.

It is true that most of us derive our self-image, our sense of worth based on our perceptions of what others think of us.

Many times our perception about what others think of us is completely inaccurate.

We think people see us a certain way – when in fact they may not see us that way at all.

But even if our perception of someone's opinion of us is accurate; this does not mean that *their* perception of us is accurate.

And even if another person's perception of us is accurate, and we accurately perceive their perception of us accurately, so what?

Why should we care so much about what others think of us?

Whoever these "others" are, they are just people – like us.

The only opinion about us that should matter – is God’s opinion.

So, what does God think of us?

What does Jesus believe about us?

That’s what we want to explore today.

If you have been around church for any time at all you know that **Jesus came to show us the Father.**

God the Father knew that it was difficult for us to grasp the concept of an unseen, eternal, all-powerful being such as Him, so He sent Jesus to the earth, in part, to show us His true nature.

Jesus said, *“If you’ve seen me you’ve seen the Father.”*

But Jesus did not come into this world just to show us the Father.

Jesus also came into this world to let us know how the Father feels about us.

The problem with describing what God and Jesus believe about us is not that there is a lack of information on the topic, but that there is so much information on the topic.

The Scriptures are replete with examples, with stories, with words, with actions that reveal what God/Jesus believes about us.

Here is the first:

1. Jesus believes we are of inestimable worth

Inestimable means *“too great to be properly measured.”*

Some years ago a middle-aged couple living in a middle class Milwaukee suburb discovered that what they *thought* was a reproduction of a painting by famous artist **Vincent van Gogh** that was hanging in their house was actually an original.

On March 10, 1991, the painting titled **“still life with flowers”** was sold at auction for **\$1.4 million.**

What makes some paint on piece of canvas worth \$1.4 million?

Two things:

- **The artist**
- **When someone is willing to pay \$1.4 million**

That is how a free market economy works.

Something is worth whatever someone is willing to pay for it.

So, how much are you worth to God?

¹⁸ knowing that you were not **redeemed** with corruptible things, *like silver or gold*, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. – **1 Peter 1:18-19**

Our worth to God is inestimable because one cannot measure the price God paid to redeem us – the very life of His Son.

What does Jesus believe about you?

He believes you are of inestimable worth.

Let's put it this way.

Many of us are parents.

If you had a child that was missing and you had a million dollars, how much of the million dollars would you be willing to spend in order to find your missing child?

I don't know about you, but if either of my two daughters were missing, I would not only spend the million dollars I had to get them back – but after exhausting that million dollars I would find a way to get another million dollars and blow through that, too!

A million dollars is a lot of money, but that doesn't come close to the price God paid to get you back!

Don't ever let someone hang a bargain basement price around your neck!

You are worth more to God than you can possibly imagine.

Don't ever sell yourself short – or let anybody else sell you short.

You are of inestimable worth to God.

That's what Jesus believes and feels about you.

A lot of you have difficulty believing this about yourself.

That's because we live in a world that places value upon people based on how they look or for what they possess or what they have achieved.

You believe there are *some* people worth a lot.

We can believe a beautiful actress like **Angelina Jolie** is of great worth.

As compared to a very average looking person...

We can believe a talented athlete like **Tom Brady** is worth a lot.

He's talented *and* good looking!

That's reason enough to root for the Giants in the Superbowl!

But just regular you or me, how can we be worth so much to God?

- **It is because we are created in the image of God.**

It is what theologians call the **Imago Dei**.

This is the concept and theological doctrine in Christianity which asserts that human beings are created in God's image and therefore have inherent value independent of their utility or function.

This means that whether or not you have any demonstrable talent or ability, whether or not you possess great wealth, you are of worth because you bear the image of God.

This means that apart from looks, or wealth, or talent, or even personal piety, you are of worth for the simple reason you are created in the image and likeness of God.

You are like the original painting by van Gogh that sold for \$1.4 million.

The painting is worth \$1.4 million because it has van Gogh's name down in the corner.

When God looks down on this earth He sees the beauty of creation – and it is of worth because it all came from His hand.

But the mountains and the trees, the plants and the animals, though created by God – do not bear His image.

You do.

You are created in the image and the likeness of God and therefore have ***intrinsic worth***.

That is worth that is inherent in you.

Remove God from the equation, you remove the intrinsic worth of mankind.

This is what happens in any society that endeavors to deny the existence of God.

When the **Soviet Union** denied the existence of God, they could justify slaughtering untold millions of their own population.

When **Hitler**, who was a **devout Darwinian**, came to power, long before he unleashed his fury against the Jews of Europe, he began a program whereby he sought to eliminate what He called ***"life not worthy of life."***

This consisted of the **mentally retarded, the physically deformed and the terminally ill.**

These were deemed a drain on society and therefore not worth taking up space, or consuming valuable food or water.

Such people who were living in institutions began being put to death by lethal injection.

Following their death their cremated remains would be sent home with a letter saying they had died of pneumonia, or some other illness.

With the outbreak of WW II, Hitler did away with this deception and ordered the extermination of thousands of such valueless *"burdens on society"* in the name of making available needed hospital beds for wounded soldiers.

He said, *"The parents of the weak and infirmed must be willing the bear the burden of loss just as the parents of soldiers killed in battle must bear their loss for the sake of the fatherland."*

From there it was a short step to gassing millions of Jews, gypsies, Slavs and yes, German Christians who had the courage to speak out against such atrocities.

God's view of life is quite different from ours.

We value people by what they can create, what they can produce or achieve.

God values people apart from what they can do or what they can produce.

He values people for the simple reason that they are – and that they are created in His image.

You are of inestimable worth to God because you bear His image – and because He paid such a high price to redeem you.

2. Jesus believes we are greatly loved by God

When Jesus came into this world He sought to communicate to us how God felt about us, what He thought of us.

²⁵ "Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my Father. ²⁶ In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. ²⁷ No, **the Father himself loves you** because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. – **John 16:25-27**

Jesus could not make it any clearer than this.

"The Father himself loves you."

It would do us all well if we would begin each day with that confession.

"The Father himself loves me!"

Illus. Testimony of Jack Frost

In his book, **Experiencing the Father's Embrace**, Jack Frost tells of receiving the revelation of God' love for him and the impact this had not only on his life, but on the life of his daughter, as well.

Jack grew up the son of a very demanding father.

His father, who was once a pro tennis player, determined that his two sons would be good at tennis.

One of his sons inherited his father's talent for tennis, Jack did not.

His father berated him, sought to shame him into trying harder.

It didn't matter how hard Jack worked, it just wasn't going to happen.

Jack responded to his father's bullying by rebelling and turning to drugs.

He ran away and lived a life of complete rebellion against his father and against all authority.

But God came after Jack and saved him.

Once Jack came to know the Lord he transferred his desire to gain his earthly father's approval to his Heavenly Father.

Jack became an outstanding Christian.

He wasn't just a church member; he became the best church member he could possibly be.

He prayed more, read his Bible more, served more than anybody else.

He lived a performance based Christian life – and though he knew how to outwardly appear happy and filled with the joy of the Lord, inwardly he was miserable.

His misery came out against his family.

He was critical, harsh and unloving toward his wife and kids – to the point that his kids didn't want to have anything to do with him or the God he served.

It would be years before Jack would come to understand how much his Heavenly Father loved him, but when it did it changed everything.

Jack went from trying to earn God's approval to knowing he was accepted and loved by God.

This led to a whole new life and a whole new ministry – a ministry dedicated to helping others understand that they are loved by Father God.

Jesus believes we are loved by God.

3. Jesus believes we are sinners in need of forgiveness

There is sometimes a tendency to hear of God's love for us and believe that His love is all that is needed.

Though everything begins with God's love – we must respond to God's love with repentance and faith.

While it is true that God is love, we must remember that the God who is love is also infinitely holy and just and therefore must punish sin.

The gospel is the story of how a loving God found a way to be both loving and just; how to forgive sinners and still punish sin.

He did this through the sacrificial death of His Son.

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

– 2 Corinthians 5:21

This must be personally received.

We see an example of this in Luke chapter 7.

Luke 7

³⁶ When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. ³⁷ A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume.

³⁸ As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

³⁹ When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner."

⁴⁰ Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."
"Tell me, teacher," he said.

⁴¹ "Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?"

⁴³ Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said.

⁴⁴ Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.

⁴⁵ You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet.

⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little."

⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

⁴⁹ The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

⁵⁰ Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

As wonderful as it is to be loved by God, we must all come to understand that because of the Fall we are all separated from God by our sin.

We were all born with a sinful, fallen nature and though God has made a way for us to be forgiven, this must individually received through faith and repentance.

The woman in the story in Luke chapter seven, though she was a "known sinner," felt compelled to come to where Jesus was dining.

As it happened, Jesus had been invited to the home of Simon, a Pharisee.

The purpose of this visit, it seems, was to give Simon the chance to check Jesus out, to examine Him, to determine if He was truly from God.

That this was not your typical dinner party is evidenced by the fact that Simon had dispensed with common courtesies of the East.

Simon did not kiss Jesus in the customary way when He entered his home.

He did not provide a servant to wash Jesus' feet, as was the custom of the day.

It was a cold and rude reception.

It was more of an investigation than a dinner party.

Before Simon could begin questioning Jesus the party was interrupted by this uninvited intruder.

Keep in mind that in this culture women did not dine with men – especially women of questionable backgrounds.

Women had a very low standing in this culture.

Women did not have the right vote.

The testimony of a woman was not admissible in open court.

As I said, women did not sit at the table with men or engage in conversation with men in public, not even their own husbands.

But there was something about Jesus that drew her to Him.

There was something about Jesus that caused her to break through all the social and religious barriers that would prevent her from coming into contact with a man like Jesus, a rabbi.

Somehow she knew that she needed to be where He was – despite her sinful lifestyle.

While the Bible tells us all we need to know, the Bible does not tell us all we would like to know.

For example, the Bible does not tell us what this woman's sin was – only that she was a known sinner.

Bible commentators, based on the terminology of the text, are in wide agreement that the woman was a prostitute.

If this is the case, the Bible does not tell us why she was a prostitute.

As in our time, most women go into prostitution, not as a first career choice.

Women in Jesus' day were no different.

Perhaps this woman's husband had divorced her and because divorced women were shunned by many, she resorted to prostitution in order to buy food and pay rent.

Or perhaps like many women in prostitution today she had been sexually abused as a young girl, perhaps in her own home.

Perhaps because of this abuse she viewed herself as only an object to be used and abused and so was passed around from boy to boy through her teen years.

A woman who was not a virgin, for any reason, was deemed an unacceptable bride, and so perhaps she resorted to prostitution because no one would have her as a wife.

We don't know the circumstances that led to her life choices, but we know she had been pushed to the margins of society.

We know she was not accepted by the religious people of her day.

And yet, here she came into the home of a Pharisee – right in the middle of this dinner party.

Her plan, it would seem, was to anoint Jesus with the costly perfume she brought, perhaps the only thing of value she possessed.

But when she encountered Jesus she began to weep at his feet, so much so that she literally washed his feet with her tears.

She had not expected to break down in this way, or else she would have brought a towel to wipe the tears from Jesus' feet.

She had to improvise.

She took her hair and began to dry Jesus' feet with her hair.

The **Talmud**, which is Jewish commentary on the Law says that if a woman let down her hair in the presence of a man other than her husband that this was grounds for divorce.

Another rabbi said that for a woman to let her hair down in public was akin to taking her shirt off.

This was way beyond convention – even scandalous.

But there was nothing erotic about what this woman was doing.

This was pure, unadulterated devotion.

She came as a woman broken by sin, but in Jesus presence she found repentance and forgiveness.

You see, a proper response to a revelation of God's love is repentance.

We hear much about the love of God – and that is good – but too often we hear of His love as if that is all there is to God.

God is love, but is also holy and just.

A right response to His love is repentance.

Repentance is the outworking of God's love and grace revealed in our heart.

Tears of gratitude are not the only signs of repentance.

Zacchaeus did not cry, but instead gave half his fortune to the poor and promised to restore four-fold to anyone he had defrauded.

The true sign of repentance is changed behavior.

You can bet this woman who came burdened with sin left this dinner party a changed woman.

Simon, on the other hand, remained the cold, hard, judgmental Pharisee that he was.

He was in the presence of love and didn't know it.

He could have received the same grace and forgiveness this woman received but the problem was he didn't know he needed it.

We don't do anybody any favors when we tell them of God's love but don't also tell them of the need to repent.

What does Jesus believe about us?

He believes we are of inestimable worth.

He believes we are loved by the Father.

He believes we are sinners in need of repentance.

Illus. Karla Faye Tucker

In 1998, Karla Faye Tucker became the first woman executed in Texas since the Civil War.

Before she died, the born-again Christian -- whose case sparked a debate over retribution and redemption -- apologized for hacking a man and woman to death with a pickax during a 1983 break-in.

Minutes before her execution, then-Texas Gov. George W. Bush denied Tucker a one-time, 30-day reprieve, saying her cause had been thoroughly reviewed by appellate courts. The U.S. Supreme Court also rejected without comment two 11th-hour appeals to halt the execution.

A month before the execution, Larry King interviewed Tucker on death row at a Texas prison.

Take a look at some of the excerpts of the interview, which won a news Emmy Award.

KING: She's on death row, scheduled to be executed in a matter weeks. A special interview with Karla Faye Tucker from a Texas prison.

This program tonight was taped about six hours ago here at the Mountain View Unit, Texas Department of Corrections, Gatesville, Texas, about a half hour from Waco, Texas. ... Does it get worse every day?

TUCKER: No. It gets a little more exciting every day.

KING: Interesting choice of words, Karla.

TUCKER: Yes.

KING: Exciting, how?

TUCKER: Just to see how God is unfolding everything. Every day something new comes up and it's exciting to be a part of it because there's a lot going on, and it's going to affect a lot of people. And it's a blessing to be a part of it, and it's exciting to know that God has a plan for this.

KING: So you're not down?

TUCKER: No. I am not down. A little tired sometimes but not down.

KING: Not pessimistic?

TUCKER: No. Never pessimistic.

KING: Let's go back. You're a very attractive young girl. You're smart. What went wrong? What happened 14 years ago?

TUCKER: Bad choices, drugs.

KING: Bad boyfriend?

TUCKER: That too, yes. A bad choice in boyfriends.

KING: How old were you?

TUCKER: I was 23.

KING: Had you had a troubled youth?

TUCKER: Yes.

KING: Had a problem growing up?

TUCKER: I did.

KING: Like?

TUCKER: A lot of drugs, a lot of anger and confusion, no real guidance, I was just out of hand, and had no guidance at a certain point in my life when I was most impressionable and probably could have been steered the right way. There wasn't anybody there to steer me.

KING: Where was mother and father?

TUCKER: My mother was doing drugs, and she lived a very wild life. My father had tried up to certain point, but he had no control. My mother had him under a threat that if he laid a hand on us or did anything to us, she'd have him put in jail.

KING: So you had no parenting?

TUCKER: When I was very young, probably up until about six or seven I did. ...

KING: What happened on that terrible day?

TUCKER: The details of what happened that night, I don't share. I mean, that's the worst night of my life, and I don't -- with how I feel now, I don't relive that night.

KING: Do you think it was another person?

TUCKER: Yes, it was definitely.

KING: For the facts, for the benefit of the audience, two people were murdered that night.

TUCKER: Two people were brutally murdered.

KING: By you and your boyfriend?

TUCKER: Yes.

KING: What were you doing there?

TUCKER: We were there to do -- there's a term called "case the joint out."

KING: Look it over.

TUCKER: Right, yes.

KING: You were going rob?

TUCKER: Not that night, no. We were looking the place over to at some point in time that night go back there, and go in and steal a motorcycle. That night was a spur of the moment decision to go over there. And unfortunately, two people were killed ...

KING: How, to yourself, do you explain that? I know you don't want to -- so forgetting the details, how do you explain it to yourself that I was involved in a violent slaying?

TUCKER: I can't -- I can't make sense out of it. I don't know how to make sense out of it except that the choices that I made to do drugs, to buckle to peer pressure and everything else -- it was inevitable that something like that was going to happen in my life.

KING: Why for a motorcycle?

TUCKER: Well, that's -- I could sit here and share that with you. But I don't want to take away from what happened that night, you know? I mean, I can give you all kind of excuses for that, but I don't want to do that.

KING: In other words you could rationalize it too in a lot of -- were you high that night?

TUCKER: Yes, I was.

KING: Did you enjoy the violence?

TUCKER: I said I did. I was -- at that time in my life, I was very excited about doing different crazy, violent things, yes. It was a part of me that was used to fit in with the crowd that I was hanging around to be accepted.

KING: The people who were killed were not known to you, right, or were they?

TUCKER: The male was. Jerry was. He was married to my best friend.

KING: Really?

TUCKER: Yes.

KING: And the girl, unknown?

TUCKER: Unknown.

KING: And both you and your boyfriend participated in the death of both people.

TUCKER: Yes.

KING: Were you caught right away?

TUCKER: No. It was about a month and a half -- or a little over a month later.

KING: What -- did you leave town?

TUCKER: No. We stayed there. We not only stayed -- it was really crazy, Larry. I mean, that -- that lifestyle was so crazy. I don't think I can explain it except to me. I was so spaced out on drugs all the time that it really didn't seem real to me.

KING: Did you walk around with any guilt?

TUCKER: No.

KING: None?

TUCKER: I not only didn't walk around without any guilt, I was proud of thinking that I had finally measured up to the big boys.

KING: Your boyfriend was proud of you?

TUCKER: Yes. Isn't that sick? That's crazy.

KING: No guilt?

TUCKER: None, none back then. I didn't -- I didn't care about anybody. I didn't care about myself. I didn't place any value on myself or anybody else. ...

KING: How were you arrested?

TUCKER: Danny's brother, my partner in crime, my boyfriend -- his brother came in and he had a wire on him and he sat down on the bed, and he asked us about the crime, and we shared detail for detail every step from what happened that night, what made us decide to go over there all the way through to when everything was over. And as soon as he got all of that, he left out of the house, and the police busted in.

KING: Were you angry at him? Must have been then?

TUCKER: I was shocked. I was probably a little bit angry at him and my sister, and yet, I wanted to understand. I mean, we're the ones who put them through it. I am the one that did that to them. (sobbing)

So while I wanted to be angry, I couldn't be.

KING: What -- hard to put this -- what's it like to kill someone?

TUCKER: It's horrible. I mean, to know that you take a human life, a very valuable, precious human life -- it's probably the most horrible thing anybody could do, and I try not to take myself back to that night.

KING: OK. Do you feel that if circumstances were different -- let's say you hadn't found the Lord you found and the feelings you have -- do you deserve to be executed by the state?

TUCKER: I deserved a big punishment. I personally don't believe in capital punishment. I don't believe in abortion or euthanasia, so...

KING: Therefore, no one should be capitally punished by the state, male, female...

TUCKER: I believe that -- male, female, otherwise. But certainly, a very serious sentence for something like that needs to be done, yes.

KING: The argument for you gains a great deal of attention because you're a woman. We could dare say if you were man we wouldn't be here and you wouldn't be getting a lot of attention, unless a lot of prominent people were speaking up for you. Do you think that's true?

TUCKER: I think that it's true that a lot of people are -- this is bringing attention to a lot of people. I think it's very unfortunate, though, because male or female, people need to be considered individually on their own merits, and there are certainly men out there who have drastically changed their lives through the love of God. Jesus has gone down into their hearts and completely changed them, and they have become caring people. They have changed. They're now helping others. And they deserve to -- for that to be acknowledged in their lives, too. ...

KING: How did you find God?

TUCKER: I was in the county. About three months after I had been...

KING: County jail?

TUCKER: Harris County Jail.

KING: That's Houston?

TUCKER: Yes. And a ministry came to that jail to do a service, a puppet show, one night and everybody in my tank was going out to the puppet show and I didn't want to stay alone in my tank, so I decided to go with them and socialize in church. Well, actually, when I walked through the door I never said a word, so I never did any socializing, but when I went back to my tank that night, something got down in there and I had grabbed a Bible. I stole this Bible not realizing Bibles were given out free in jail, 'cause I'd never been there. So...

KING: Never were a churchgoer or anything?

TUCKER: I was never -- no. And had never been in jail. I didn't know that they gave out Bibles out free in here to those who needed them.

So I took this Bible into my cell, and I hid way back in the corner so nobody could see me, because I was like really proud.

I didn't want anybody to think I was being weak and reading this Bible.

I realize now, you have to be stronger to walk with the Lord in here than you do to not walk with him.

It's a whole lot harder, let me tell you. But anyway, that night I started reading the Bible. I didn't know what I was reading and before I knew it, I was just -- I was in the middle of my floor on my knees and I was just asking God to forgive me.

KING: How do we know, as a lot of people would ask who don't know you, that this isn't a jail house conversion?

TUCKER: I don't try and convince people of that. For me, if you can't look at me and see it then nothing I can say to you is going to convince you. I just live it every day and I reach out to people and it's up them to receive from the Lord the same way I did when somebody came to me. ... There is evidence, consistent evidence, in a person's life.

And I'll tell you what, I've been in here 14 1/2 years, and it can be a pressure cooker. I mean, you have different personalities.

You have people who are still violently acting out in here. If I was going to do anything, it would have happened by now. But it hasn't. ...

KING: Do you think that a part of the anger that the state may have or people may have, is the method that the victims died?

TUCKER: Oh, yes.

KING: Because there were axes -- axes were involved, a lot of blood. It was a horrible death, right? Do you think that plays into this?

TUCKER: Yes, I do. And if -- if you were to execute me, you could, without using me being a continual threat to society, if someone wanted to, they could use the brutal - the brutality of that crime itself --.

KING: In other words, ax you to death?

TUCKER: Yeah. I mean, it was horrible. It was. And there are people out there who are in pain because -- I mean, every single day they have to think about that. They live it every day with birthdays and holidays, and maybe a smell that triggers a memory, so it's not -- I -- I realize that. I mean, I -- I think about them all the time. And I know that they're going through pain. ...

KING: Finally, you remain up.

TUCKER: Yes.

KING: You have to explain that to me a little more. It can't just be God?

TUCKER: Yes, it can. It's called the joy of the Lord.

I don't -- when you have done something that I have done, like what I have done, and you have been forgiven for it, and you're loved, that has a way of so changing you.

I mean, I have experienced real love. I know what real love is. I know what forgiveness is, even when I did something so horrible. I know that because God forgave me and I accepted what Jesus did on the cross.

When I leave here, I am going to go be with him.