

**Pastor's Weekly Devotional- April 24, 2014**  
**"God Reaching Out To Us"**

Easter is now behind us as an event. However, "the Easter experience" continues. It is a personal experience with the living Lord. It will continue until God calls us "home."

Peter boasted of his love for Christ and declared that if everyone forsook Christ, it wouldn't be him. But his love faded as he denied Christ three times.

However, the resurrected Lord came looking for Peter. In His post-resurrection appearance, He sent a message to Peter. He said: "Tell Peter...I will see him." Later on, in another post-resurrection appearance, Jesus built a fire and prepared breakfast for some of the disciples who had gone fishing – among them was Peter. It was around the fireplace where Jesus reached out to Peter and asked him if he loved Him (Jesus). Peter denied Jesus three times but Jesus reached out to Peter three times as well.

Focusing on how much God loves you, will cause you to love the moment; and the joy of the moment will spread into all the aspects of your life and beyond all the limited boundaries you face.

Thoughts are energy and you can make or break your world by thinking of God's love for you. The future of your future is in the critical recovery of the present during tough times. And the recovery of your present failures, trials, adversities, discouragements and disappointments are found on focusing on God's love for you.

No matter how you have failed or what sin you have committed, remember that "God's grace is greater than all your sins." He is able and willing to forgive you.

God loves all His prodigal sons and daughters. He continues to reach out...to reach out...to reach out...He wants you "to come home."

Have a blessed week! See you in church Sunday!

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