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Good News

Romans 5:6-11

Intro: What does the cross tell me about how God feels about me when I am at my worst? Romans 5 reminds us that God's love wasn't attracted to us at our best. It moved toward us at our worst. Paul doesn't simply tell us that God loves us, he tells us when God loved us. Not when we were strong. Not when we had cleaned ourselves up. Not when we were looking for him. "While we were still weak...", "While we were still sinners...", and "While we were enemies...".

Big Idea: Christ loved us at our worst and still loves us.

1. **God's love moved toward us at our worst.** (5:6-8)

- a. We were weak (v.6)
- b. We were sinners (v.8)

God's love isn't a response to our worthiness. It is a revelation of His character.

- c. God's love is demonstrated, not merely declared. (v.8)

2. **Christ's sacrifice secures our future with God.** (5:9-10)

- a. If God loved us when we were sinners, He will save us now from the wrath to come. (v.9)

Trust what Christ has already accomplished.

- b. Jesus' blood changes our standing (v.9)
- c. Enemies became reconciled (v.10)

Your worst moment cannot rewrite God's greatest act.

3. **Reconciliation gives us reason to rejoice in God.** (5:10-11)

- a. Rejoice in what God gives. (v.11)
- b. Reconciliation changes how we live with people. Grace received becomes grace extended.

Grace loves the unlovely and transforms the unworthy.

- c. Followers of Jesus become people who know what reconciliation costs.
- d. Reconciliation produces joy.

You were loved at your worst, reconciled at your lowest, and given every reason to rejoice.

Do you believe the cross proves that God's love is greater than your worst?