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***2014: The Year of Receiving the Love of God, Walking by Faith,  
Believing His Word, and Giving Him Praise!***

## **Lord, Help Me to Love Myself!**

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Sermon Notes from June 8, 2014

### **God wants me to Love (Agape) myself.**

#### **Matthew 22:34-40 (The Living Bible, TLB)**

34-35 but not the Pharisees! When they heard that he had routed the Sadducees with his reply, they thought up a fresh question of their own to ask him. One of them, a lawyer, spoke up: 36 "Sir, which is the most important command in the laws of Moses?" 37 Jesus replied, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind.' 38-39 This is the first and greatest commandment. The second most important is similar: 'Love your neighbor as much **as you love yourself.**' 40 All the other commandments and all the demands of the prophets stem from these two laws and are fulfilled if you obey them. Keep only these and you will find that you are obeying all the others.

### **God gave me His Spirit and His Love so I can Love myself.**

#### **1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (Amplified Bible, AMP)**

19 Do you not know that your body is the temple (the very sanctuary) of the Holy Spirit Who lives within you, Whom you have received [as a Gift] from God? You are not your own, 20 You were bought with a price [purchased with a preciousness and paid for, made His own]. So then, honor God and bring glory to Him in your body.

#### **Romans 5:5 (New Living Translation, NLT)**

And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

### **Something is clearly wrong with me! Sometimes I don't act like I love me!**

#### **Romans 7:14-24 (NLT)**

14 So the trouble is not with the law, for it is spiritual and good. **The trouble is with me**, for I am all too human, a slave to sin. 15 I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate. 16 But if I know that what I am doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that the law is good. 17 So I am not the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. 18

And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. **I want to do what is right, but I can't. 19 I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway.** 20 But if I do what I don't want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. 21 I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. 22 I love God's law with all my heart. 23 But **there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me.** 24 **Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death?**

### **Lord, help me to Love myself!**

#### **James 1:22-25 (NLT)**

22 But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. 23 For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. 24 You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. 25 But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

- **Loving yourself requires looking into the mirror of the Word to check for any adjustments to be made.**

### **People do what they think is right for themselves...**

#### **Proverbs 14:12-13 (NLT)**

12 There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death. 13 Laughter can conceal a heavy heart, but when the laughter ends, the grief remains.

#### **Proverbs 21:2 (NLT)**

People may be right in their own eyes, but the Lord examines their heart.

- **Would God find His Love, His Word, His Truth...or just yours?**

### **Lord, help me to Love myself!**

- **People do what they think is right for themselves according to their:**
  - **Fears**
  - **Faults**
  - **Fantasies**
  - **UnForgiveness**
- **These are some of the reasons people are not Loving themselves!**

## **Loving myself means follow what my master says.**

- **Self-Preservation used in the wrong way can give way to trusting in self-effort rather than trusting in God.**

### **Proverbs 3:1-8 (NLT)**

1 My child, never forget the things I have taught you. Store my commands in your heart. 2 If you do this, you will live many years, and your life will be satisfying. 3 Never let loyalty and kindness leave you! Tie them around your neck as a reminder. Write them deep within your heart. 4 Then you will find favor with both God and people, and you will earn a good reputation. 5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. 6 Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. 7 Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the Lord and turn away from evil. 8 Then you will have healing for your body and strength for your bones.

## **The Master speaks through His Spirit.**

### **Matthew 13:11-15 (NLT)**

11 He replied, "**You are permitted to understand the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven, but others are not. 12 To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given, and they will have an abundance of knowledge.** But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them. 13 That is why I use these parables, For they look, but they don't really see. They hear, but they don't really listen or understand. 14 This fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah that says, 'When you hear what I say, you will not understand. When you see what I do, you will not comprehend. 15 For the hearts of these people are hardened, and their ears cannot hear, and they have closed their eyes— so their eyes cannot see, and their ears cannot hear, and their hearts cannot understand, and they cannot turn to me and let me heal them.'

## **Lord, make me over!**

### **Jeremiah 18:1-4 (Easy-to-Read Version, ERV)**

1 This is the message that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: 2 "Jeremiah, go down to the potter's house. I will give you my message there." 3 So I went down to the potter's house and saw him working with clay at the wheel. 4 He was making a pot from clay. But there was something wrong with the pot. So the potter used that clay to make another pot. With his hands he shaped the pot the way he wanted it to be.

### **Jeremiah 18:1-4 (AMP)**

1 The word which came to Jeremiah from the Lord: 2 Arise and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause you to hear My words. 3 Then I went down to the potter's house, and behold, he was working at the wheel. 4 And the vessel that he was making from clay was spoiled in the hand of the potter; so he made it over, reworking it into another vessel as it seemed good to the potter to make it.