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SERMON NOTES:

For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

- 1 Corinthians 13:12-13 (NIV)

He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true." "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet."

- John 4:16-19 (NIV)

I HAVE FAITH IN A BIG GOD

May the thought of this cause you to jump for joy, even though lately you've had to put up with the grief of many trials. But these only reveal the sterling core of your faith, which is far more valuable than gold that perishes, for even gold is refined by fire. Your authentic faith will result in even more praise, glory, and honor when Jesus the Anointed One is revealed. You love him passionately although you did not see him, but through believing in him you are saturated with an ecstatic joy, indescribably sublime and immersed in glory

- 1 Peter 1:6-8 (TPT)

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, "King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. But even if he

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does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

- Daniel 3:16-18 (NIV)

I HAVE HOPE IN BETTER DAYS AHEAD

Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, "So shall your offspring be."

- Romans 4:18 (NIV)

But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, — Psalm 33:18 (NIV)

I HAVE A LOVE FOR JESUS AND MY NEIGHBORS

Then you will be empowered to discover what every holy one experiences—the great magnitude of the astonishing love of Christ in all its dimensions. How deeply intimate and far-reaching is his love! How enduring and inclusive it is! Endless love beyond measurement that transcends our understanding—this extravagant love pours into you until you are filled to overflowing with the fullness of God!

- Ephesians 3:18-19 (TPT)

"There is no safe investment. To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything, and your heart will certainly be wrung and possibly be broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact, you must give your heart to no one, not even to an animal. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements; lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket—safe, dark, motionless, airless—it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable. The alternative to tragedy, or at least to the risk of tragedy, is damnation. The only place outside Heaven where you can be perfectly safe from all the dangers and perturbations of love is Hell."

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DISCUSSION GUIDE:

- 1. Pastor Chad said that to get breakthrough you have to go through...What is God asking you to walk through in order to receive your breakthrough?
- 2. Jesus was attractive to all people because of the way that He loved and treated people. How can you better reflect Jesus this week to the people around you?
- 3. When you encounter Jesus, you're never the same. Share to your group about the experience you had when you first met Jesus.
- 4. How can you better live out faith in your daily life this week?
- 5. What areas of your life have you lost hope in? How can you start hoping for greater days?
- 6. How can you better love Jesus and your neighbors this week?