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Loved at Our Lowest

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” — Romans 5:8

So many of the people I met at the door during our recent mission trip to Idaho Falls, Idaho, are still on my heart and mind.

There's **Danny**, who told me he didn't fit the normal Mormon mold. He isn't from Idaho or Utah. He has long, unkempt hair and holds political views different from those of many around him. There's been a time or two when he's almost left the Mormon church.

Then there's **Takoda**, who did leave. He told me the heartbreaking story of feeling like he was never part of the “in” group. He was always seeking approval from God and from his Mormon family members. When he left and became a baptized Christian, his friends and classmates ostracized him.

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obedience to the church, its culture, or man-made laws. As if the love of God depended on them.

But God demonstrated his love for us by loving us when we were unlovable. When we were disobedient. When we didn't earn it or deserve it. When we were outsiders. Still, Christ died for us.

Both of them, in different ways, felt like they didn't quite belong. They didn't fit the mold. They weren't fully "in." As if their relationship with God depended on their

That's true love. That's why we have a relationship with God. So great is God's love for us that he sacrificed himself for us, paid our sinful debt, and took our guilt on himself—even though we disobeyed him and didn't deserve him.

None of it depends on us. It is all because of him. Because of his undeserved love, we are never alone. Or apart from him. Or not "in" with him.

Romans 5:8 tells us that God's love is not a prize for the worthy. It is a gift for sinners. And because of your prayers and support, we were able to bring that message to the door.

When Trying Is Never Enough

Many of the people we met in Idaho Falls weren't rejecting God outright. They were trying to appease him.

Trying to be worthy. Trying to stay faithful. Trying to know whether they had done enough.

One conversation helped us understand why this burden is so heavy. Jennifer explained the Mormon view of grace with a simple analogy: God has paid for the piano lessons, but we still need to practice to get better. Jesus provides the chance, but we still have to do our part.

At first, that sounds comforting. But when asked what happens when we don't practice, Jennifer kept saying, "As long as we *try*, it's ok."

That answer explains the burden so many carry. How much trying is enough? What about my sins? My broken family? My doubts? My grief? My guilt? What about the days I don't try hard enough?

Romans 5:8 gives a better answer. God did not wait for us to try hard enough before he loved us. While we were *still* sinners, Christ died for us.

Grace is not God paying for lessons or giving us opportunities so we can practice our way into worthiness. **Grace is the full rescue.**

A debtor who cannot pay doesn't need budgeting advice. A sinner before a holy God does not need more practice or a self-improvement plan.

We need a substitute.

Jesus obeyed in our place. He died for our sins. He rose for our justification. He gives us his righteousness.

When your Mormon friend says, "We just have to try," consider asking, "How much trying gives you confidence before God?" Then point them to Jesus, who loved us and gave himself for us while we were still sinners.





Please Pray for those who Feel Unworthy

This year, our *At the Door* missionaries met many burdened people from Mormon backgrounds. Here are a few that God placed in our path.

Please pray for Opie.

Opie grew up in the Mormon church but hasn't attended for several years. He opened up about his struggle with alcoholism. When Opie considered what he would say if God asked why he should let him into eternal life, he honestly answered, "Don't let me in. I don't deserve it."

That opened the door to share grace. We told Opie that none of us deserves eternal life with God, but Jesus died and rose to give sinners his own worthiness. We prayed for Opie right there, and you could see the message working on his heart.

Please pray for Emily.

Emily is a mother of six, three of whom have special needs. She shared that life often feels heavy, and some days she feels desperate for signs that God is near.

We told Emily that she does not have to search for uncertain signs to know God's love for her. God has already shown his love clearly through Jesus, who gave himself for her on the cross. We prayed that God would give her strength and confidence that her sins were fully and freely paid for by Jesus.

Please pray for Leanne.

Leanne is dying of cancer and carrying a large medical debt she cannot pay. That opened the door to talk about our debt of sin before a holy God.

We shared that Jesus did not come to give us a payment plan. He came to pay the debt we could never pay. He took our sin on himself and now covers us with his righteousness. When asked why God should welcome her into eternal life, Leanne began with Jesus but then added the things she had tried to do. We gently encouraged her to rest in what Jesus has already paid in full, and she was receptive.

Please pray for Cara.

Cara admitted she feels like a “less-than-ideal Mormon.” Having been divorced three times, she feels out of place at church and unsure where she fits in Mormonism’s promise of an “eternal family.”

We told Cara that her worth is not found in her earthly family but in belonging to Christ as his bride. Her painful circumstances seemed to make the need for unconditional grace especially clear, yet she kept stopping short by adding conditions.

Please pray for Diane.

Diane lost her son when she was 30 years old. After his death, her Mormon bishop told her she needed to go to the temple and do many things in order to be with her son in heaven again. She was deeply wounded and turned away from the church.

Please pray that Diane would know the comfort of Christ, who does not turn grief into requirements but gives eternal life as a gift.

Will You Help Bring This Love to More Hurting Souls?

Because of your support, 73 Christian missionaries had 940 gospel conversations throughout the week, sharing the good news that Christ died for sinners.

Your gifts helped send, train, and equip Christians to bring God’s deep love to people who desperately needed to hear it.

Behind each name is a soul. A story. A burden. Many have been taught to measure God’s love by their own goodness and effort.

Would you continue helping us bring this message to more people?

Your support helps Truth in Love Ministry reach Mormons with the gospel and equip Christians to speak the love of Christ with clarity, compassion, and confidence. **Your gifts send the message that God’s love is deep enough for the ashamed, strong enough for the wounded, and free enough for the undeserving.**

Thank you for helping us tell sinners, strugglers, outsiders, and the weary that God’s love does not wait for them to become worthy.

Because while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

In Christ,

- PASTOR WAYNE UHLHORN & THE TILM TEAM



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