

# Creating Space. Expecting Harvest...I love Jesus

## Sermon Notes

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- I love baseball, golf, watching football.
- I love a steak grilled and seasoned just right.
- I love the Christmas season with all its traditions.
- I love hanging out with friends.
- I love my children.
- I love my wife.
- I love Jesus.

*There is always a story to the object of our love. What is your story in regards to Jesus? Why are you here?*

### What drew your attention to Jesus?

- The aroma of another person's life—a parent, Sunday School teacher, a youth pastor, a friend. **2 Corinthians 2:14-16**
  - God uses those changed by Jesus to bring awareness to Jesus. (14)
  - We are uniquely placed among people to “stink it up” with smells that draw us to take in more because it is “pleasing”. (15)
  - For some that aroma is a reminder of our rejection of what is better. (16)
- The “good news” message heard while with your family.
  - We understood our sin and it's curse upon us and then received with great hope the story of the good news offered in Jesus.  
**Romans 10:14-15** *“How then can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’”*
  - You heard the Word being read and it began to be a burning in your soul that led to faith.  
**Romans 10:17** *“Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message and the message is heard through the word about Christ.”*
- You hit rock bottom and you discovered hope in Christ.  
**Hebrews 6:18-20** *“God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged. We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where our forerunner, Jesus has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever in the order of Melchizedek.”*

### How did your love for Jesus grow?

- Jesus gave you freedom from all the brokenness in your life.  
**2 Corinthians 3:16-18** *“But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, who with unveiled*

*faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."*

- Jesus gave you life to the full by giving up his life for you.  
**John 10:10-11** *"The thief comes to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."*
- Jesus gave you purpose as you knew him more. **Philippians 1:21, 3:7-14**

### **Has your love for Jesus grown cold? Revelation 2:1-7**

- You can work hard for Jesus yet you are distant from him, as you have worked your way away from his leadership. (2)
- You can have zeal for truth and holiness and yet not have passion to know him daily. (2)
- You can even suffer hardships for his name, and make it more about your glory than his. (3)
- We have forsaken the love of Jesus that led us to a new life. (4)

### **Renewing our love for Christ by doing the things we did at first. Revelation 2:5**

- Be enamored again with the story of Jesus' life: his words, actions, and the spirit by which spoke and lived.
- Be reminded of our hopelessness before we met him.
- Draw near to others who are the aroma of Christ.
- Let him lead you as Lord once again.