

**Extraordinary Sermon Series
Part #4 – Extraordinary Love****Romans 5:6-8**

John 15:13 – Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

Big Idea – Remember the Love of God and Return to Him

Romans 5:6-8 (NIV) – ⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Remember – The Blessings of Extraordinary Love**Part #1 – Remember that Extraordinary Love Protects**

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- **1 Corinthians 13:6-7** – ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.
- **Psalm 46:1** – God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
- **Key Point** – The key point that we examine in this text comes to us upon reflecting on the extraordinary love of God shown through the sacrifice made by Jesus Christ. We observe an interesting phrase in this text: “when we were still powerless.” This phrase is stated in the present tense which literally means that it is an ongoing action of powerless until the Savior of the Word overwhelms us, consumes, and immerses us with His power! This is Love. Even though we did not deserve this great sacrifice, it was needed because mankind was and still is powerless against Satan and His attacks when we are apart from Jesus Christ. Christ died for the ungodly so that they could have the opportunity to come and lay their burdened, agonized soul before the Lord and accept Christ as their Savior. It is then at this moment that the shed blood of Jesus Christ is painted upon doorway of hearts and we are saved fore eternity.

Part #2 – Remember that Extraordinary Love Perseveres

⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

- **1 Corinthians 13:6-8** – Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.
- **Key Point** – The key point that we examine in this text comes to us upon reflecting on the same verse that we just examined. It is not enough to state that we have only been given the love of Christ to protect us from Satan and an eternity in hell. This is only part of the reason why the sacrifice of Christ was needed. We also needed the sacrifice of Christ so that we could persevere in this life. We need the strength of the Lord in this life to endure the hardships we face and to sustain a faith that will help persevere until the very end of this life.

Part #3 – Remember that Extraordinary Love Sacrifices & Redeems

⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

- **1 John 3:16** – This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.
- **1 John 4:9-10** – ⁹This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.
- **Key Point** – The final key point that we examine is witnessed as we realize that it takes the extraordinary love of God to sacrifice His Son on the cross in order to redeem a rebellious creation that is in desperate need of salvation.

Memory Verse

- **Romans 5:6 (NIV)** – You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

Application

Extraordinary Challenge – Take the Extraordinary Sermon Series Challenge. Throughout this series, study the 40 day devotional booklet that is offered in order to strengthen your faith, family, and relationship with the Lord.

